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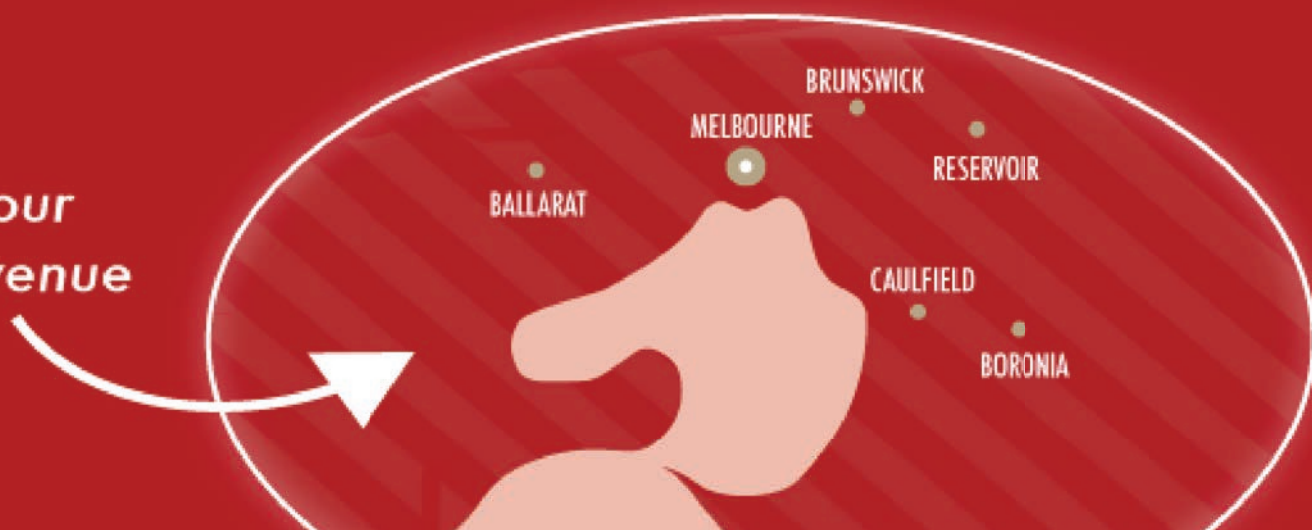
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World Cup Prelude Tonight at the 'G!

By Andrew Marmont

New Zealand face trans-Tasman rivals Australia for the first time in five years tonight at the MCG.

Since the Socceroos' 1-0 victory in London in 2005, both have watched each other grow as football nations and this year will play in a World Cup together for the first time.

With Australia's qualification and over-achievement at the 2006 World Cup and moving to the ASEAN confederation to compete with better sides, New Zealand indirectly benefited from their success. After the A-League was created New Zealand footballers could play professionally without the need to go to Europe or America.

Last year the Wellington Phoenix dramatically reached the semi-finals and captured Kiwi sporting attention overnight. Add in a fever-pitch atmosphere at Wellington in November, where New Zealand's 1-0 win over Bahrain earned qualification to this year's Cup for the first time in 28 years, and the stage is now set for the All Whites to perform again on the world arena.

New Zealand appears a group of journeymen with skipper and Blackburn Rovers defender Ryan Nelsen standing out like a colossus. Yet coach Riki Herbert has formed a hard-working squad with an ability to play consistent football.

Gold Coast striker Shane Smeltz was last year's Golden Boot winner in the A-League and led the goal-scoring in the 2009 Oceania Federations Cup, with Celtic-based Chris Killen, Phoenix' Leo Bertos and aggressive Plymouth Argyle striker Rory Fallon possessing aerial and attacking flair. Experienced duo Simon Elliott and Nelsen will make sure Australia work hard through the mid-field.

Herbert knows how to beat Australia - he was part of the 1982 New Zealand World Cup qualifiers squad who blocked the Socceroos from advancing. After a sensational 3-3 draw at Mt Smart in Auckland, the two teams squared off at the Sydney Cricket Ground and New Zealand won 2-0 to advance.

New Zealand football teams are not weighed down by public expectation like their rugby union counterparts. The All



World Cup spots are still at stake as the Socceroos prepare for the Trans Tasman farewell match against New Zealand with an open training session during the week. PHOTO: SYDNEY LOW

Match Details

Qantas Socceroos v New Zealand
Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria
Monday 24 May 2010
Kick-Off time - 7:30pm AEST
Gates open - 5:30pm AEST

Ticket Prices
Category A - \$95 - all tickets
Category B - \$65 Adult, \$35 Concession, \$165 Family
Category C - \$40 Adult, \$20 Concession, \$99 Family

Australian Home End - \$45 Adult, \$25 Concession
New Zealand Supporter Area - \$45

Whites do not play regularly enough for fans to expect greatness, which means they can play without a nation's pressure on their shoulders.

Pim Verbeek, Australia's coach, will play a strong line-up and may experiment as he trims his squad from 30 to 23. Key striker Harry Kewell is under an injury cloud and should be rested, as is goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer.

The Socceroos are an experienced side and will use their World Cup experience four years ago as a success benchmark. Nelsen's Blackburn teammate Vince Grella and Brett Emerton give hardness to their central play while Italian-based Mark Bresciano and Everton's Tim Cahill provide excellent finishing quality. Captain Lucas Neil and Luke Wilkshire

add vast experience at the back.

The match itself shouldn't be a high scoring game; both sides can ill-afford any injuries or suspensions and are not laden with the striking power of Spain or Brazil. Recent history points also to a low-scoring match - the last three matches between the two featured one goal in each.

In the broad scheme of this match, providing there is a bumper crowd, it could be a catalyst for more regular New Zealand-Australia matches. Five years is a long time in football and on the eve of the latest World Cup, now might be the time to re-create a regular fixture.

Australia has won four of its last five encounters against New Zealand, with the All Whites winning once.



Trans Tasman Ties at a glance

Last five matches
9/6/05 at London, Australia won 0-1
29/5/04 at Adelaide, Australia won 0-1
14/7/02 at Auckland, New Zealand won 1-0
24/6/01 at Sydney, Australia won 1-4
20/6/01 at Wellington, Australia won 0-2

Head to head record
Played 57, Australia 38, New Zealand 10, Drawn 9

Biggest wins (Aust-NZ matches)
Australia 10-0 (11/7/1936 at Wellington)
New Zealand 4-1 (30/6/1923 at Newcastle)

Star studied line-up launch exhibition for FIFA World Cup Bid

It was a line up of past and present stars who kicked off the **Global Game: A history of football in Australia exhibition at the National Sports Museum at the MCG on Thursday.**

Current Socceroos, Scott Chipperfield and Carl Valeri, were on hand to support Theresa Deas, Matildas keeper in the 1980s as she scored with a penalty kick to launch the photographic exhibition.

Also alongside her were Ted Smith, who played for Australia in the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956, Jimmy Rooney, a star of the 1974 World Cup team, Edi Krncevic, striker and top scorer in the Belgian league with Anderlecht and Gary Cole, striker and now head of foot-

ball at Melbourne Victory.

Also in the frame were Jimmy Armstrong, Socceroo and South Melbourne legend and in the background, Jack Reilly, another of the 1974 Socceroos and now a board member of the Football Federation Australia.

The exhibition which draws on the huge collection of photographs by Les Shorrocks and those collected by Laurie Schwab now held in the Deakin University archives in Geelong is open to the public on Monday 24 May and will run until 8 August.

Goal Weekly's Daniel Flis and Sydney Low also have pictures in the gallery. There is half-price admission to the Museum with your entry ticket to the Socceroos game against New Zealand tonight.



A powerful team kick off exhibition. Left to right, Jimmy Armstrong, Edi Krncevic, Theresa Deas, Carl Valeri, Ted Smith, Jimmy Rooney, Gary Cole and Scott Chipperfield. Photo: Roy Hay

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SFC welcome Ryall decision

Hyundai A-League 2010 Champions Sydney FC has welcomed today's decision by the Office of the NSW Director of Public Prosecutions to officially drop charges against defender Sebastian Ryall.

"This is a tremendous relief for Sebastian. Throughout the process he has shown great resolve to be able to play an integral part of Sydney FC's success last year while trying to clear his name," Sydney FC CEO Edwin Lugt said.

Sydney FC steadfastly supported Sebastian throughout the entire process. "Everyone at Sydney FC is happy for Sebastian and now we all look forward to a successful season."

Ryall was charged, on 15 May 2009, with engaging in a sexual act with a 13 year old girl. The alleged incident happened in January 2008, while he was playing with Melbourne Victory.

The Director of Public Prosecutions dropped the charges against Ryall after a submission by Ryall's legal team that at the time of the alleged incident, he believed the girl to be over the legal age of 16.

Roar sink City

A Mitch Nichols brace has helped Brisbane Roar claim a 3-2 victory over Brisbane City in the first game of Roar's pre-season Roadshow program.

Nichols goals – one with his feet and one from his head – and a late Henrique goal was enough to see off a plucky City side.

Jamieson joins Sydney FC

Adelaide United FC defender Scott Jamieson has agreed to terms with Hyundai A-League 2010 Champions Sydney FC, signing a two year deal.

Jamieson spent two years with Adelaide and played 49 matches, which also included a Socceroo debut last year, after being signed from Bolton Wanderers in England.

In his first season with the Reds he was crowned the "AUFC Young Player of the Year", as well as the "A-League Rising Star Award" after taking the Hyundai A-League by storm.

Reds coach Aurelio Vidmar said that losing Jamieson to Sydney, was another step towards his football career and his journey of becoming a better footballer.

"We wish Scott all the best, he was great for us but he has opted for a new chapter in his football career, and he goes with our blessing. Scott always gave 100% and always played with passion" Vidmar said.

Jamieson said he enjoyed his time with Adelaide and will miss his team mates, and is grateful for the opportunity that was given to him to play in the A-League two seasons ago.

"I absolutely loved it, everything about Adelaide, the people the club my teammates, and the people that brought me to the club like Sam (Ciccarello) and Aurelio (Vidmar) and the opportunity they gave me, they all made me feel so welcome". Jamieson said.

"But leaving the boys who I can call some of my best mates is tough, but

that's football and you have to get on with it. Playing against them will be a new experience, but you gotta take out the emotion and hype out of it. I have got nothing but respect for my team mates, and also the Adelaide United fans who were fantastic while I was there over the two years, and it will be a special moment for me playing against the club."

Jamieson paid special mention to Aurelio Vidmar, the staff and the people at the club.



Scott Jamieson swaps the City of Churches for the City of Sin.

HAL Fixtures released

The draw for the Hyundai A-League 2010/11 season has been released by Football Federation Australia (FFA).

The Hyundai A-League will kick off on Thursday night August 5 with the newest franchise club Melbourne Heart hosting the Central Coast Mariners at AAMI Park in Melbourne.

The season culminates on the second weekend of March, 2011 with an extra 30 matches taking the total season matches to 165 and even accomodating its first ever-double header..

While still fitting into a 27-week period the Hyundai A-League 2010/11 season will see 30 midweek matches played in peak football and holiday periods taking on a more European style, continuing the development of the league into a professional and dynamic competition.

"This Hyundai A-League season sees more matches played, more inter-city derbies, and more intensity in fixture scheduling to move Australian football to the next level in its development," said FFA CEO Ben Buckley.

Round 1:

Thur, 5 Aug 2010 Heart vs. Mariners

AAMI Park 7:30pm

Fri, 6 Aug 2010 Adelaide United vs. Jets

Hindmarsh Stadium 7:30pm

Fri, 6 Aug 2010 Glory vs. Fury

ME Bank Stadium 8:00pm

Sat, 7 Aug 2010 SFC vs. Victory

Sydney Football Stadium 7:30pm

Sun, 8 Aug 2010 Gold Coast vs. Roar

Skilled Park 3:00pm

Bye: Wellington Phoenix

*All KO are local times

South docked 6 points

The independent Football Federation Victoria (FFV) Appeals Board met on Wednesday 5th May to hear an appeal in relation to penalties arising from a pitch invasion at the Round 6 Victorian Premier League fixture between South Melbourne FC and Heidelberg United FC.

After considering the submission, the Appeals Board has deducted six championship points from South Melbourne FC and determined that the Round 6 match stand as a 1-1 draw.

In handing down its decision the Appeals Board stated: "We regard the circumstances relating to this charge as very serious. It is unacceptable that games are abandoned in these circum-

stances. Pitch invasions seriously damage the reputation of football in Victoria. Players are entitled to play the game in safety without physical and verbal abuse from spectators."

Football Federation Victoria fully supports the independent Appeals Board decisions, as it takes a zero tolerance approach to inappropriate behaviour at all FFV fixtures. The safety of all players, officials and supporters is paramount. Penalties of this severity will be enforced across the board for transgressions of this nature.

In a staement released by South Melbourne the club expressed its disappointment with the decision and intends to appeal.

South Hobart celebrates its centenary

By Walter Pless

The South Hobart Football club is 100 years old this week, making it one of Australia's oldest.

It's been a huge week for the club as the media focused attention on the 100th anniversary celebrations.

It began with a reception hosted at Government House on Wednesday, 19 May, by His Excellency the Honourable Peter Underwood, the Governor of Tasmania, and Mrs Underwood.

Two hundred people were in attendance and they included the coaches of other Tasmanian clubs, politicians, government officials, and players and supporters of South Hobart.

The next evening, after training, the 15 lucky players selected for the senior team on the weekend, were presented with replica shirts as worn by the South Hobart team in the period 1912-1914.

South Hobart, who currently head the Forestry Tasmania Southern Premier League by 8 points, play second-placed Glenorchy Knights at Washington Street on Sunday.

That's where the club played their first-ever match on 21 May 1912 against a team from the steamship Westralia.



South Hobart official Brian Downes with one of the replica shirts from 1912-1914 which the team will wear against Glenorchy Knights on Sunday



South Hobart coach Ken Morton presents the No.7 shirt to midfielder Shae Hickey. The shirts will be washed after the game and each one will be framed and auctioned later in the year at the Centenary Dinner, at which Les Murray will be the MC.



The Governor of Tasmania, His Excellency the Honourable Peter Underwood/ (third from left) with (L-R) John Honeysett, Vicki Woods (South Hobart president), Ken Morton (South Hobart senior coach), Brian Roberts, Mr and Mrs Hyo Suk Jin, Brian Downes

South Hobart won 4-1.

Sunday's game against the Knights will just be one event on what is a gala day for the club, involving amongst other things a 100-yard footrace for Premier League players.

The replica playing strip was unveiled

to the media and public at a media conference on Friday at Mawson Place, on the Hobart waterfront.

South Hobart are the reigning champions, having won the league for the past two seasons under coach Ken Morton.

If they beat Knights on Sunday, they

will be 11-points clear after 10 rounds in the 21-round competition and well on the way to a hat-trick of successive titles, which would be a wonderful way to celebrate the club's centenary.



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Internacional and “la U” in semis



Brazil's Internacional of Porto Alegre and Universidad de Chile have reached the semi finals of the Copa Libertadores despite quarterfinal losses on Thursday, joining Sao Paulo and Chivas Guadalajara of Mexico in the final four. Internacional will face Sao Paulo in the semifinals to avoid two clubs from the same country appearing in the final, leaving Chivas to face Universidad de Chile, “la U” in the other match. The semis will take place after the World Cup has finished.

Chivas of Mexico became the first club through to the semifinals of this year's Copa Libertadores despite suffering a 2-0 loss to Paraguay's Libertad on Tuesday. Adalberto Román opened the scoring for Libertad in the 20th minute and Manuel Macías added a second in the 68th, but Chivas won the first leg 3-0 a week ago and hung on to advance on aggregate goals. Chivas made the semifinals despite being without five first choice players who have been called up to a World Cup training camp with the Mexican national squad. In the other quarterfinals, Sao Paulo defends a 2-0 advantage at home against Brazilian counterpart Cruzeiro on Wednesday. On Thursday, (Friday local AEST) Universidad de Chile hosted Brazil's Flamengo with a 3-2 lead, while defending champion Estudiantes of Argentina needs to overturn a 1-0 deficit at home against another Brazilian club, Internacional.

That return leg in La Plata saw Internacional lose 2-1 at defending champion Estudiantes but advanced on away goals after winning the first leg 1-0. Universidad de Chile also advanced on away goals despite losing 2-1 at home in the return against Flamengo, thanks to a 3-2 win in the first match in Brazil.

Leandro González and Enzo Pérez scored in the first half of Estudiantes' 2-1 win, but Giuliano's goal in the 89th-minute gave Internacional the overall victory on away goals. Players were involved in violent clashes in the closing moments as Brazil's Internacional knocked out Estudiantes de La Plata. “Pincharatas” defender Leandro Desabato and his countryman, Internacional's former national Argentine goalkeeper Roberto Abbondanzieri were among the players to clash at the final whistle, with Desabato appearing to head-butt the nicknamed “Pato” Abbondanzieri followed by verbal exchanges. Estudiantes won last year's title, beating Cruzeiro in the final.

Giuliano struck in the 89th minute with the crucial goal that sent the Brazilian side, who won the first leg 1-0 at home in Porto Alegre last week, through on the away goals rule after the tie ended 2-2 on aggregate. Inter, champions in 2006, go into an all-Brazilian semi-final against three times winners Sao Paulo, who eliminated last year's runners-up Cruzeiro, also of Brazil, on Wednesday. The match was marred when Inter's reserve goalkeeper Lauro came on after the final whistle and hit Estudiantes defender Leandro Desabato from behind before running into the dressing room as police tried to control the players. The incident, which seemed to have been sparked by an argument between Desabato and Inter's Argentine goalkeeper Roberto Abbondanzieri, did not develop into a free-for-all.

Estudiantes had taken a quick two-goal lead with two superb strikes in the 19th and 21st minutes. Captain Juan Sebastian Veron found Leandro Gonzalez with a brilliant, high cross field pass to the left edge of the box where the striker lobbed Abbondanzieri. Internacional (or Inter) had hardly absorbed the shock when winger Enzo Perez cut inside from the left and sent a curling right-footed shot over Abbondanzieri into the top far corner. As the match approached its end, Estudiantes sat back and allowed Inter to come at them, with disastrous consequences when substitute playmaker Giuliano sent a low shot inside the base of Agustin Orion's far post with one minute to go.

In the other quarterfinal in Santiago, Vagner Love gave Flamengo the lead with a header from Adriano's overhead kick just after half time as the Brazilian club looked to overturn the surprise 3-2 defeat suffered against Universidad in the Maracana stadium last week. Flamengo needed to win by two clear goals, but was pegged back level when Walter Montillo lifted a precise chip over goalkeeper Bruno from the edge of the area in the 74th minute. Former Inter Milan striker Adriano gave Flamengo hope with a 78th-minute goal after Leo Moura backheeled the ball into his path, but the Brazilian club was unable to find the extra goal needed to progress. Holders Estudiantes were eliminated from the Libertadores Cup



Chile's “la U” reach the semi finals of the Copa Libertadores.

despite a 2-1 home win over Internacional of Brazil in the second leg of their quarter-final on Thursday.

“La U's” Argentine forward Walter Montillo lobbed keeper Bruno for the equaliser in the 73rd minute and Adriano restored Flamengo's lead from Leo Moura's exquisite backheel. Flamengo's William and Vagner Love were sent off in the final minutes, William for a second yellow and Vagner Love for dissent. The Chilean side now meet Guadalajara of Mexico in the semi-finals for the first time since their most successful side over a decade ago in 1996 headlined by Marcelo Salas that lost to eventual winners River Plate. The semifinals will be played after the World Cup in South Africa will begin in July, with the final running into August.

The Copa Libertadores is the top club competition in Latin America, equivalent to Europe's Champions' League. The winner gets to play in the Club World Cup against the champions from the other continental confederations. Sao Paulo has won the tournament three times in the past, while Internacional won the title for the first time in 2006. Universidad de Chile has never reached the final, reaching the semis in 1970 and 1996. Mexican clubs compete by invitation in the Copa Libertadores—organized by South American governing body CONMEBOL—because they belong to CONCACAF, the federation that covers North America. No Mexican club has won the Copa Libertadores since the teams joined the tournament in 1998.



ARGENTINA

In the past week just hours before last edition's print; Argentinos Juniors clinched its first league title in 25 years, beating Huracán 2-1 on Sunday after goals from Juan Mercier days before getting his call-up by coach Diego Maradona for the World Cup and Facundo Coria scoring the other. Mercier opened the scoring in the 24th minute with a close-range header, and Facundo Coria grabbed the team's second on a header 12 minutes from time. The Buenos Aires club—the first professional club of Diego Maradona—finished the 19-game Clausura season on 41 points, one more than Estudiantes, which defeated Colon 4-1. Mauro Boselli scored a hat trick for Estudiantes.

Argentinos Juniors had all the play in the first half with four clear chances in the first 10 minutes. The champions were less impressive in the second half, but finally broke through with a second goal. Huracan had two players sent off midway through the second half. Alan Sanchez scored for Huracan in the 88th with the club down to nine players.

The title is special for Argentinos Juniors' popular coach, Claudio Borghi. Borghi played with Maradona in Argentina's World Cup-winning team in 1986 and was a member of the Argentinos side in 1985—the last time the club won the league. This championship was Borghi's 5th title with the club which can be added to his four championships as a player in the mid 1980s. Borghi achieved a great turnaround in the fortunes of the team that had finished in last place only one year previously and the successful Clausura championship campaign secured qualification for the Copa Sudamericana 2010 and the Copa Libertadores 2011.



Internacional beat defending champ Estudiantes on away goals.



Claudio Borghi was handed the task on returning Boca Juniors to the top of Argentine soccer.

Borghi is the first person at the club to win titles as both a player and a coach. He also took Colo-Colo back-to-back Apertura and Clausura championships in neighbouring Chile between 2006 and 2007 with four consecutive championships. “At first we came into the season trying not to be relegated,” Borghi said. “Now we are champions. We have to enjoy it all. I think all the players did an extraordinary job ... I'm happy for the club, and today is a special day for me.” This is the eighth different champion in the last eight seasons in Argentina. The two biggest clubs—Boca Juniors and River Plate—have each won once in that period.

The match was soiled at the end inside Huracan's stadium when police needed to use a high-powered water hose to control angry young men, who attacked police and hurled objects at them and opposing players. At least one policeman was struck by his own night-stick after lost it in a run-in with hooligans.

Just days later on Friday, Claudio Borghi was handed the task on Thursday of returning Boca Juniors to the top of Argentine soccer, five days after steering Argentinos Juniors to the Clausura title. Borghi, who was part of the Argentina squad that won the 1986 World Cup, signed a one year contract to coach the fallen giants, four times South American champions since 2000.

“At Boca, there's a thin line between what's good and what's bad, so Boca will be a big challenge,” the 45-year-old told a news conference at his official presentation at the Bombonera (chocolate box) stadium.

“The only objective here, as in all big clubs, is to be champions,” said Borghi, who steered Colo Colo to four successive Chilean titles before taking charge at his former club Argentinos in January.

“It shows this is Boca, at Argentinos there were two or three journalists,” added Borghi with a grin.

“We as a coaching staff feel very proud to be at this club with so much history at national and international level.”

Borghi said he has discussed reinforcements with Boca president Amor Ameal and said midfielder Matias Fernandez who is going to the World Cup with Chile and is unsettled at Sporting in Portugal is a potential target. “Matias is a player I know well, we had him at Colo Colo, he was sold to the ‘Yellow Submarine’ (Villarreal), he's an Argentine naturalised Chilean so he won't fill a foreigner's berth (in the squad),” said Borghi. Boca finished the Clausura last weekend in 16th place with 20 points from 19 matches and the worst defence having conceded 35 goals.

“I don't want to be rude to the coaches who were here before me and I believe there's a bit of balance lacking,” said Borghi. He is the latest signing as Argentina's big clubs attempt to pull out of a slump. Boca's arch-rivals River Plate hired Angel Cappa last month.

In other results in Argentina on Friday and Saturday in the final round of play: Arsenal 1, Godoy Cruz 2; San Lorenzo 2, Newell's Old Boys 1; Banfield 3, Boca Juniors 0; Gimnasia 3, Atletico Tucuman 3; Chacarita 1, Racing Club 2; Independiente 1, Lanus 0; Rosario Central 0, Vélez 0; River Plate 1, Tigre 5.

In Argentina, the two teams with the worst records over the last three years are demoted. River Plate will begin next season at the bottom of the relegation table and could face relegation at this time next season. River Plate, Boca Juniors and Independiente are the only three teams that have never been relegated to the second tier.

In other domestic leagues, four players were sent off, two from each side, as Peñarol beat arch-rivals Nacional 1-0 in a tense first leg of the Uruguayan final, while Caracas FC won the Venezuelan Clausura championship at the weekend. In Colombia, both team's goalkeepers were sent off as Atletico Junior beat Envigado 2-0 to qualify for the Apertura semi-finals and the match between Boyaca Chico and America was suspended with eight minutes remaining because of crowd trouble.



URUGUAY

Peñarol ended a seven-year wait for the Uruguayan league title on Tuesday after midfielder Matias Aguirregaray's goal earned them a 1-1 with arch-rivals Nacional. Winners of the Clausura title in the second half of the season with a record run of 14 wins and one draw, Peñarol lifted the trophy 2-1 on aggregate. Nacional won the season opening Apertura championship in December.

Coach Diego Aguirre was in charge when Peñarol last won the title in 2003 and he was at the helm again this year, appointed after the team had a disappointing Apertura. “There was a need to be champions, Peñarol needed to win, the happiness is incomparable. This is a moment of glory,” former Penarol player Aguirre told reporters. “We had a great championship, we beat all the teams and that's exceptional.”

Celebrations by fans of Penarol, one of the country's big two clubs, were marred by violence in central Montevideo. Central defender Alejandro Lembo put Nacional ahead in the 35th minute when he headed in a corner before Aguirregaray equalised in the 68th minute. Peñarol had midfielder Gastón Ramírez sent off in the 79th minute and Nacional substitute forward Sergio Blanco was also shown the red card three minutes from full-time.

In the first leg played last Sunday, forward Antonio Pacheco headed the only goal in the 22nd minute as Peñarol won the first leg of the grand final of the Uruguayan season. There were four red cards in the final half hour as tempers frayed in a tense encounter at the Centenario stadium in Montevideo. Nacional had substitutes Maximiliano Calzada and Matias Cabrera shown the red card and their coach Eduardo Acevedo was sent to the stands. Peñarol midfielder Jonathan Urretaviscaya and substitute Rubén Olivera were also dismissed. Cabrera had only been on the pitch four minutes and Olivera eight.



VENEZUELA

Caracas were held 1-1 at home by Deportivo Anzoategui but lifted the Clausura crown on goal difference from Apertura

title winners Deportivo Tachira, who beat Centro Italo 3-1. The new champions had a goal difference of plus 15 to Tachira's plus 13.



COLOMBIA

Striker Carlos Bacca scored twice, his first goal a penalty, to give Atletico Junior a 2-0 win over Envigado and send them into a semi-final against title holders Independiente Medellin. Envigado goalkeeper Andres Saldarriaga was dismissed in the 48th minute for bringing down Bacca. The striker put Junior 1-0 up by beating substitute keeper Victor Soto with the penalty and headed the second 15 minutes from time.

Junior keeper Didier Munoz had been sent off in the 17th minute. The other semi-final of the Apertura championship will be between La Equidad and Deportes Tolima. Boyacá Chico were leading 1-0 at home against America with eight minutes to go when fans of the visiting team from Cali caused trouble on the terraces. The match was suspended and the result stands.



MEXICO

Santos and Toluca have reached the final of the Mexican Clausura tournament. Oribe Peralta scored a hat-trick as Santos humiliated Morelia 7-1 on Saturday to complete a 10-4 aggregate semifinal win, while 10-man Toluca progressed with a 1-0 home win over Pachuca.

The two-legged final will be next week, with the first match at Santos' stadium in Torreon in midweek and the return in Toluca at the weekend. Peralta, who was born and raised in Torreon, finished the semifinal series with four goals, just one less than his regular season total.

“We were able to maintain our lead, got a quick score and were able to handle the series,” Peralta said. “We weren't expecting a win like this.” Fernando Arce opened the scoring against Morelia with a free kick curled in from wide that was misjudged by goalkeeper Moises Munoz in the second minute. Luis Gabriel Rey equalized with a penalty two minutes later after Chilean Hugo Droguett was fouled in the box but the scores were not level for long. Darwin Quintero raced clear to put Santos back in front in the 13th minute and Peralta followed up to score after Arce's strike hit the post in the 15th.

Jorge Estrada scored Santos' fourth in the 50th minute, with Peralta adding No. 5 a minute later and completing the first treble of his career in the 82nd. Peralta was also involved in the seventh goal, drawing a foul in the box to allow Matias Vuoso to score from the penalty spot in the 83rd. In the other semifinal, Antonio Rios volleyed the winning goal low into the bottom corner of the net from the edge of the box in the 42nd minute to give Toluca victory against Pachuca. Toluca only needed a draw to reach the final after the first leg ended 2-2, but held out for victory despite Osvaldo Gonzalez being sent off in the 43rd minute.

The final between Toluca and Santos will be the second time the clubs have faced each other for the title. The first meeting was the summer tournament in 2000, when Toluca came out winners. Santos, which was last champion in the Clausura 2008 tournament, is bidding for its fourth Mexican title. Toluca, despite not being considered among Mexico's four biggest clubs, has nine Mexican titles behind only America (10) and Chivas (11). Toluca last won the Mexican championship in the Apertura 2008 tournament.

Santos Laguna will meet Toluca in the Mexican Clausura championship final after a 7-1 rout of Morelia including a hat-trick by striker Oribe Peralta for a record aggregate of 10-4. The 14 goals scored in the tie equalled the record set in the 1989-90 semi-finals when Puebla beat Pumas UNAM 8-6. Toluca went through when a 1-0 win gave them a 3-2 aggregate victory over Pachuca. The first leg is on Thursday and the second next Sunday.



PARAGUAY

Guaraní beat Sport Colombia 1-0 and snatched the lead from Cerro Porteño, who lost 2-0 to Libertad. Guaraní have

43 points and giant Cerro

Porteño of Asunción with 42 points with a match in hand. Olimpia, the biggest domestic club in Paraguay and the most successful at Copa Libertadores historically are lying third on 39 points having lost ground with the 2-1 defeat by Sol de América.



PERU

Leaders San Martín were held to a 1-1 draw at home by champions Universitario whose

striker Piero Alva scored a spectacular last-gasp equaliser with an overhead kick. San Martín have 32 points, five more than César Vallejo and Sporting Cristal after 14 matches.



BOLIVIA

Wilstermann beat San José 2-1 away and lead the six-team championship group for the Apertura title with seven

points from three matches. They are two points ahead of Aurora and Bolívar who drew 2-2 in Cochabamba.

Finally, Brazilian soccer star Romario is taking up a new game — politics. The Brazilian Socialist Party says he will be one of its candidates for a seat in Congress in the October general elections. Romario's campaign coordinator says the former striker wants to concentrate on such issues as health and education. In 1994, Romario led Brazil to the 1994 World Cup title and was voted the world's best player.

He joined the Brazilian Socialist Party last year. Campaign coordinator Marco San said Tuesday that Romario's candidacy to the lower house of Congress will be ratified at the party's convention in June. San said Romario was “out of town and could not be reached for comment.”

Mourinho guides Inter to European glory

Jose Mourinho wrote his name into the history books as Diego Milito inspired Inter Milan to Champions League glory against Bayern Munich at the Bernabeu.

Milito set Inter on their way against the run of play with a clipped finish.

And he wrapped up a win built on the foundations of a solid defence with a solo effort that saw Inter become the first Italian side to win the Treble.

It means Mourinho, who won the cup with Porto in 2004, becomes the third man in history to win it with two clubs.

He joins Ernst Happel and Ottmar Hitzfeld in earning that remarkable accolade - at the age of only 47 - and, in doing so, ends a wait of more than 45 years for the Nerazzurri to regain Europe's top prize.

That he did so by overcoming his mentor Louis van Gaal, with whom he worked at Barcelona in the 1990s, in the process only served to complete the ultimate season of personal vindication for the Portuguese.

If reports are to be believed, it is a triumph that will earn Mourinho the manager's position at arguably the world's biggest club, Real Madrid, this summer.

How fitting, then, that this triumph was earned at Real's magnificent Bernabeu stadium - and as Mourinho waved to the Inter fans after watching his side lift the trophy, it looked every inch a wave goodbye and confirmation this will prove the denouement of his career in Italy.

As for the match itself, while it might



not have been one for the purists, as an occasion it was spectacular.

The decision to switch the match to a Saturday evening was fully justified as both sets of supporters rocked the Bernabeu from the first minute to the last.

And on the field, the fare was no less enthralling.

The build-up had been dominated by Van Gaal's and Arjen Robben's description of Mourinho as a defensive tactician - but if their hope was that such taunts would prompt a more ambitious approach from the Italian champions, they were to be disappointed.

The first couple of minutes aside, when Inter hinted at an expansive approach, Mourinho's side's tactics were clearly to stay strong defensively and pounce on the counter attack.

For a long time, though, it played right

into Bayern's hands. With Robben giving left-back Christian Chivu a torrid time and Mark van Bommel pulling the strings in midfield, the Germans almost completely dominated.

Playing with an air of expression and invention, Bayern probed the Inter backline time and again. Robben beat Chivu down the right to set up Ivica Olic, the Croatian slamming wide, Hamit Altintop saw a right-foot shot deflected wide and Robben then skewed wide when well placed 18 yards out.

At the other end, Wesley Schneider saw a deflected 40-yard free-kick beaten away by Bayern keeper Hans-Jorg Butt and Esteban Cambiasso had a firm volley blocked.

But Inter's attacking personnel were largely anonymous in the face of the Germans' control.

Then, on 34 minutes, came Inter's ambush, Milito nodding Inter keeper Julio Cesar's long clearance down to Schneider and then dashing on to the Dutchman's smart return to clip home a delightful finish.

Mourinho's muted celebrations highlighted his awareness that it was a lead his side barely deserved.

It could - and should - however, have been 2-0 moments before the break when, racing into the box, Schneider shot tamely from Milito's lay-off and Butt palmed away his effort from 16 yards out.

Still, having watched Inter repel pass-masters Barcelona with 10 men in the semi-final, Bayern boss Van Gaal will have been all too mindful of the Italians' ability to defend a lead and he sent his team out flying in the second half.

Just moments after the restart, the German champions should have been level, Thomas Mueller failing to connect smartly enough with a sliding finish with just the keeper to beat, allowing Cesar to beat his shot away.

It was a miss he was almost made to rue within minutes as Milito burst down Bayern's left, cut the ball back to Pandev, only for Butt to brilliantly tip the Macedonian's clipped effort past the post.

Predictably, though, the pattern for the second half had been set - Bayern controlling possession and Inter sitting deep and breaking.

Robben remained far and away Bayern's most potent weapon, his pace and

skill down the right prompting almost continuous volleys from an increasingly frustrated Mourinho on the sidelines.

A free-kick from the Dutchman almost led to an equaliser when it fell to Mueller, only for the German's snap-shot to be blocked, before a fine curler again brought the best out of Cesar in the Inter goal minutes later.

But, just as in the first half, for all their considered build-up Bayern were always vulnerable on the counter attack, and another moment of Milito magic settled it.

The Argentine - a constant thorn in the Germans' side - had it all to do when he collected a pass from Samuel Eto'o on 70 minutes.

But Milito was not to be denied and turned defender Mark van Buyten brilliantly - though far too easily - before side-footing a sensational 30th goal of his season.

The goal was effectively game, set and match, Bayern's sting very much drawn and Inter allowed to coast to victory thereafter.

The final whistle prompted a warm embrace between Mourinho and Van Gaal, before the Portuguese enjoyed the celebrations with his team. But he then stalked the Inter end a lone figure, waving deadpanned towards the Nerazzurri faithful.

Having beaten the English, Spanish and German champions en route to European club football's most sought-after trophy, few could deny Mourinho his moment - nor his place in history.



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Serbia

Serbia coach Radoimir Antic has cut six players from his World Cup squad, the only dilemma remaining is which goalkeeper will miss out. Chelsea youngsters Nemanja Matic and Slobodan Rajkovic will look ahead to 2014 as will Ajax starlet Miralem Sulejmani who did not have the best of seasons.

Red Star's top scorer Dejan Lekic will feel annoyed as the last strikers spot went to Serbian League Top Scorer and Player of the Year Dragan Mrdja. Partizan's young midfielder Nemanja Tomic won't be joining his teammate Radosav Petrovic in South Africa. Petrovic was the surprise inclusion having caught the eye of Antic after scoring a 35 yard screamer against Red Star.

Dejan Stankovic has won his first Champions League title his twenty third honour as Inter defeated Bayern Munich 2:0 in the Final.

Dejan Stankovic Honours
Domestic
Scudetto: (6): 2000, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
Coppa Italia: (5): 2000, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2010
Supercoppa Italiana: (5): 1998, 2000, 2005, 2006, 2008

FR Yugoslavia Cup: (3): 1995, 1996, 1997
FR Yugoslavia Championship: (1): 1994-95

European
Cup Winners' Cup: 1999
UEFA Super Cup: 1999
UEFA Champions League: 2010

Individual
Serbian Player of the Year: 2006

Croatia

Zagreb striker Davor Vugrinec is the leagues Golden Boot Winner after scoring 18 goals this season. Vugrinec has scored 116 goals in the Croatian League, 10 less then Igor Cvitanovic who holds the record having scored 126 goals.

Hajduk's Bosnian star Senad Ibrahimovic was second on the scorers chart after netting 17 goals. Istra 1961 forward Asim Sehic had a great season scoring 14 times.

League Champions Dinamo Zagreb was also awarded the Fair Play award. They will be hoping to get into the UEFA Champions League group stages for the first time in over a decade. Hajduk will be more then satisfied with winning the Cup and a spot in the Europa League qualifiers. Cibalia will also take part in the Europa League qualifiers after finishing third having been second for most of the season.

The national side defeated Austria 1:0 in a midweek friendly thanks Mate Bilic's 81st minute strike. It was Bilic's third goal in four appearances for Croatia.

The Under 21s drew with Slovakia 1:1 in a European Championship qualifier in Varteks. Schalke midfielder Ivan Rakitic scored a cracker to level the proceedings after Slovakia took the lead. Croatia are still on top of the group with two games remaining they have a two point lead over Slovakia and four points more then Serbia who has a game in hand

Bosnia

Borac Banja Luka celebrated a first Bosnian Cup success after an away goals victory over Zeljeznicar in a thriller at Grbavica Stadion, Sarajevo. It was

TURKEY				
	P	GD	Pts	
1 Bursaspor	34	39	75	
2 Fenerbahçe SK	34	33	74	
3 Galatasaray AS	34	26	64	
4 Besiktas JK	34	22	64	
5 Trabzonspor	34	21	57	
6 Istanbul BB SK	34	3	56	
7 Eskisehirspor	34	10	55	
8 Kayserispor	34	8	51	
9 Antalyaspor	34	11	49	
10 Gençlerbirliği SK	34	3	47	
11 Kasimpasa SK	34	-3	41	
12 MKE Ankaragücü	34	-1	41	
13 Gaziantepspor	34	-1	40	
14 Manisaspor	34	-7	37	
15 Sivasspor	34	-17	34	
16 Diyarbakirspor	34	-26	27	

end to end action as Borac took a quick 2:0 lead silencing the home fans.

Miroslav Stankovic opened the scoring after six minutes before Sasa Kajkut added a second twenty minutes later.

Zeljo never gave up and at the start of the second half Edin Visca pulled one back and former Bosnian International Mirsad Beslija scored to level the game. Zeljo looked for a third but Borac would hold on to lift their first Bosnian Cup. They previously won the Yugoslav Cup in 1988 in a match which remembered by Dragan Stojkovic's epic fail penalty chip in the dying moments gifting Borac their maiden trophy.

"This is a great success, especially because we did it away from home," A delighted Borac coach Zoran Maric said and added "This was an incredible match, with an atmosphere one only dreams of. This is proof that football in this country has a bright future. This win is a gift for Borac's fans and the city of Banja Luka."

Zeljo will have the chance to bounce back in the League as they hold a firm grip at the top ahead of Borac with two games remaining.



Dejan Stankovic adds the Champions League to the collection



Bursaspor won their historic title

Turkey

Bursaspor caused the biggest upset in Turkish history winning their first title in a thrilling finish to the Turk SuperLig.

Fenerbahce failed to beat Trabzonspor at home after the match finished 1:1 thus meaning Bursaspor had to win against Besiktas to claim their first league title. The small club won 2:1 and the draw in Istanbul meant Bursa leap frogged Fener into first place sparking major celebrations in Bursa while the Fenerbahce fans started to riot. Bursaspor is only the fifth club to win the Turkish League, the others being giants Galatasaray who had a poor season finishing third, Fenerbahce, Besiktas and

Trabzonspor. Fenerbahce were left empty handed this season after losing in the Cup Final to Trabzonspor 3:1. Former Perth Glory and Serbia International Ivan Ergic was a instrumental part of the victorious Bursaspor side.

At the U/17 European Championships, Turkey has booked a spot in the Semi Finals with a game to spare. They kicked off the campaign with a 3:1 win against Greece. Captain Artun Akçakin scored a double after Yokosulu opened the scoring for the Turks. In the second game they managed to get a point against a lacklustre Czech Republic. Akackin scored his third of the tournament but it wasn't enough for the win as Hasa scored with 20 minutes remaining. Turkey will have to beat England to avoid Spain in the Semi Finals.

Aussie Soccer Legends Celebrate Top Class Keilor Downs College Facility

By Josip Loncaric

Last Thursday afternoon, the 1,400 students of Keilor Downs College were treated to a once in a lifetime opportunity. Not only was the western suburbs school celebrating the official opening of its brand new soccer pitch and athletics track, but the event also featured two of the most influential figures in Australian soccer history.

School principal Stuart Andrews welcomed retired former Socceroo Ed Krncevic and former Australian captain and still not officially retired striker Mark Viduka as special guests at the event.

Amidst the immaculate weather and full attention of the entire student body, the college again showed their consistent strive to improve their facilities for the soccer-mad school.

With the likes of Jason Culina, Zoran Petrevski and Valencia young gun Theo Markelis just some of the names that have been a part of the school, it was fitting to have two superstars to open the full sized synthetic pitch, running track and long jump pit.

Viduka and Krncevic were in good spirits as they both scored the first official goals on the pitch from the penalty spot, before heading off to another of the schools top notch facilities, the Flexible

Learning Centre, for an informative and entertaining question and answer session with the two stars.

Student leaders and house captains of the college were joined by special guests from surrounding feeder primary schools Monmia, Keilor Mews, Sydenham Hillside and Mary MacKillop to ask their guests a host of questions about their careers.

The superstars answered the questions with great enthusiasm, allowing for great insight into their fascinating path to the peak of their chosen sport.

In particular interest to the students was Viduka's story about his school life, which began in St. Albans and concluded at the Australian Institute of Sport.

"I loved playing sport, and I wasn't a trouble maker. I hope the students can make use of these amazing facilities and really combine their school studies with sport to make the most out of their lives", Viduka said.

The former Leeds United, Glasgow Celtic, Middlesbrough and Newcastle United star also gave some insight into life as a (semi) retired footballer, which the mainstream press would've been keen to hear.

"I'm now in a phase in my life where I have to adjust to not having constant pressure to perform week in week out, and it is a strange feeling. Almost two

decades of a strict training routine has now been replaced by a lot of spare time, but I'm not yet certain if I want to play competitive football again", Viduka explained when asked by a keen student about retirement and the future.

Despite signing well over 300 autographs and posing for countless photos – and even juggling a ball with new soccer prospect Sultan Degirmengioglou – Viduka was happy to oblige and made many students dreams come true.

Special mention must go to Principal Stuart Andrews for pushing strongly for the new facilities, Assistant Principals Paul Bloom, Hulya Arif and Linda Maxwell for their support, event organiser and transitions leader Tim Cottrell, Heads of the Sport Department George Katiforis and Stephan Rotella, Head of PE Belinda Parini, the Music Department, lead by Trent Mackenzie and Mia Stathopoulos, guest photographer Steve Starek and all the support staff and students for the efforts to make the event such a special one for the school.

Top: Mark Viduka christens the new synthetic pitch at Keilor Downs College.

Bottom: Principal Stuart Andrew makes a presentation to Mark Viduka. PHOTOS: STEVE STAREK





Early days of trans-Tasman rivalry

As with most other sports the rivalry between Australia and New Zealand in football is long-standing.

It can be said to have begun in 1904 when a team from New South Wales visited New Zealand. The following year New Zealand came to Australia and played a series of games in the eastern states, but it was not till 1922 that the first official internationals between the two countries took place. Australia went to New Zealand and on 17 June in Dunedin, the Australians went down by three goals to one. The team which played in that match was George Cartwright, Alan Fisher, Dave Cumberford, Alex Gibb, C Shenton, Peter Doyle, William Dane, Jock Cumberford, Bill Maunder, Dave Ward, Tom Thompson. Bill Maunder scored Australia's only goal. New Zealand drew the second match in Wellington and won the third in Auckland.

In 1923 New Zealand came to Australia for a three match series which it won by two games to one. That was the birth of the 'Ashes of Soccer' contested between the countries until the 1950s. A safety razor case which was carried at Gallipoli formed the basis of the trophy. Australia began with a two-one win in Brisbane with goals by Percy Lennard early on and Bill Maunder in the last minute, but lost 2-3 in Sydney and 1-4 in Newcastle. So in those early days there was no doubt the Kiwis were the superior team. Though there were good crowds for the games in Australia, including an estimated 14,000 in Newcastle, a Chinese team from Hong Kong drew over 47,525 to a game against Australia at the Sydney Showground, according to Phil Mosley.

Matches against New Zealand continued in the 1930s, with Australia recording a three match clean sweep at home in 1933. The most exciting match was the second in Sydney when Australia raced to a five-nil lead and the visitors then struck back with four goals, only for Jack Hughes to score the decisive goal late in the game. The Australian team for that match was Jimmy McNabb, Jack Evans, Jock Parkes, Charlie O'Connor, Ian Davidson, Tom Tennant, Roy Crowhurst, Alec Cameron, George Smith, Jack Hughes, F Smith. Skipper George Smith scored a hat-trick and Roy Crowhurst and Alec Cameron one each. In 1936 it was Australia's turn to visit New Zealand and the Australian dominance continued with another three wins, including a ten-nil whitewash in Wellington in which



New Zealand captain George Campbell (left) and Australian skipper Alec Gibb toss the coin before the first official international football match in Australia at the Gabba in Brisbane on 9 June 1923.

Source: The Referee, June 13, 1923, p.6. Image courtesy of the Melbourne Cricket Club Library.

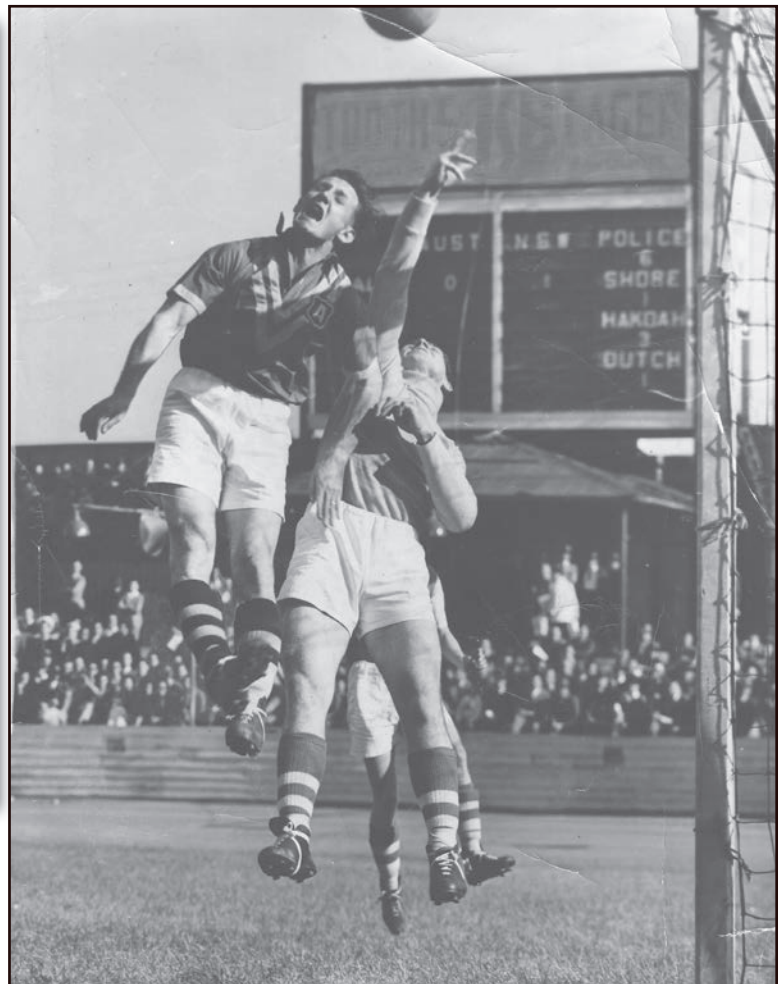
George Smith scored five goals.

Encounters between the two countries resumed after the Second World War and in 1948 Australia again had a comfortable passage, winning all four games by big scores in New Zealand. The squad included Ken Hough, Joe Marston, Cec Drummond, Bob Lawrie, Bill Wilson, Angus Drennan, Jock Hodge, Jim Cunningham, Frank Parsons, Ron Hughes, Allan Johns, Alan Duncan, Bill Wilson and Lex Gibb. Frank 'Snipper' Parsons, the rumbustious centre forward, stood out with two hat-tricks and a double hat-trick. In 1954, New Zealand returned to this country, and surprised Australia with a two-one win in Melbourne, before the home team had two 4-1 wins to claim the series. It was closer in the return games in Wellington and Auckland in 1958 when Australia squeaked home with a three-two win in the first match and a two-all draw in the second.

The next time the Socceroos met New

Zealand was in Saigon in 1967, when both countries took part in a tournament during the Vietnam War. 'Uncle' Joe Vlasits' team won by five goals to three. Atti Abonyi scored a hat-trick and the others were by Ray Baartz and Johnny Warren. Australia went on to win the tournament and gain its first international trophy. The next encounter also took place overseas in 1972 in Jakarta. Rale Rasic's team which was to qualify for the World Cup in west Germany was taking shape and the line-up which downed New Zealand by three goals to one included Ron Corry, Doug Utjesenovic, Peter Wilson, Manfred Schaefer, Bogdan 'Bugsy' Nyskohus, Jim Rooney (Ray Baartz 46), John McDonald, John Warren, Atti Abonyi, Jim Armstrong (Adrian Alston 53), Terry Butler (Branko Buljevic). Abonyi, Baartz and Warren scored the goals again.

The following two encounters were even more serious and closely contested



Frank Parsons who scored 12 goals in three games against New Zealand here tries to head another past another Australian icon, Olympic Games keeper Ron Lord, but Lord put the ball over the bar. This was during a match in which NSW beat Australia 3-0 at Sydney Sports Ground. 3 September 1950. Source: Sunday Telegraph.

for they were World Cup qualifiers in 1973. Both games were drawn; one-each in Auckland and three-all in Sydney. It was typical of that World Cup campaign that Australia flirted with elimination at every stage. Brian Turner put the Kiwis one up following a quick free kick just short of the hour mark. Two late substitutions by Rasic paid off with Ernie Campbell and Atti Abonyi replacing Max Tolson and Johnny Warren. Campbell scrambled the ball home with only five minutes left to play. In Sydney in the return, Alan Vest, who was later to coach in Australia, put the New Zealanders ahead with a chip over Ron Corry. That

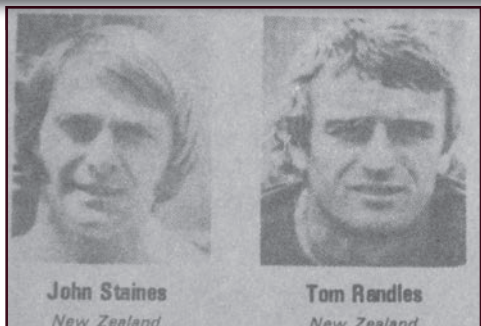
stung the Socceroos and full back Doug Utjesenovic replied after a one-two with Adrian Alston. Then Ray Baartz and Branko Buljevic put Australia three-one up, only for the Kiwis to come roaring back with a goal by Dennis Tindall and an own goal by Bobby Hogg.

Since then the rivalry has continued and even intensified and in a future column we will look at the Socceroos and the All Whites and their matches since 1976.

Once again my thanks to the Ozfootball contributors, John Punshon and Trevor Ruddell of the MCC Library for information.



Coach 'Uncle' Joe Vlasits with the 1967 Socceroos in camp, including Ray Richards, sitting on the ball, Manfred Schaefer, Stan Ackerley background, Frank Micic, behind Vlasits. Source: Laurie Schwab collection.



Five Kiwis from the 1973 matches against the Socceroos. Source: Laurie Schwab, The Socceroos and their Opponents.



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Inter Milan and Mourinho conquer Europe

Inter Milan are champions of Europe beating Bayern Munich 2-0 in a wonderful display of football, watched by the football world. Argentine international Milito scored two decisive goals and it was great to see an Italian club and a German fight for the trophy for a change.

There's no doubt in my mind the mastermind for Inter Milan success has been their coach Jose Mourinho. Love him or hate him, this man has a knack of producing results and he has continued that trend by delivering success to a club that has not won that trophy in 45 years. This season he won the Serie A, the Coppa Italia, and now, the most prestigious prize in European club football, the Champions League. In most recent times Inter has been forced to live in the shadows of their successful neighbours, AC Milan, but now the Black and Blue side of Milan are the most talked about side in Italian football, and the world over.

Mourinho proved his calibre with Chelsea by winning back-to-back EPL championships, and of course, the Champions League trophy with FC Porto. Is this guy probably one of the best coaches in the world at this moment? I'd definitely say so, along with Sir Alex Ferguson.

Let's analyze why? He runs the show and calls the shots; he picks the players that he wants the club to buy, not the president or the committee; and this is a crucial point in the success of any club.

The man has an eye for talent and ability to bring players in, that other clubs disregard and transform them into champions. He is a champion coach and a player's coach.

This season he assembled a great team and he called it, saying "if the teams fails, it's my fault", and true to his word, he did not fail.

He can read a game and has the ability to make changes on the park as the team requires it. He does not sit there hoping, but instead makes things happen when required. He's not afraid to change the tactics to get the results as we saw against Barcelona with 10 men - incredible! In my previous article I called the result against Barcelona - if only I was a betting man!

So will he leave Inter Milan and go to Real Madrid? Yes, I think he will. It's obvious he loves the challenge on the condition that he calls the shots. Inter Milan and Mourinho deserve their success. Congratulations to the worthy winners who dispensed of a number of quality teams on the road to the final - Chelsea and Barcelona just to name two. The Italian press eat humble pie, boys! The special one has spoken.

What can we learn from Mourinho's success? Clubs that appoint coaches should allow the coach to make the playing staff selections and who he wants at the club. Remember the issues surrounding Ramon Abramovich's signing of an ageing Schevchenko at Chelsea? Again, football people should make football decisions!



In a league of his own: Well, according to the Special One anyway...

World Cup 2010

Please note: Milito - Argentinian international; Messi - Argentinian international; Tevez, Samuel, Masherano, Pastore, Aguero - all Argentinian internationals. Don't you think Argentina is a genuine chance for the World Cup?

Personally, I do. They have come under the radar while everyone is talking of the likes of Spain, Brazil, England and Germany. But, the real threat is Argentina. With Maradona at the helm I'm sure this team will be pumped, and I'm sure he'll want to win the trophy just as much as a

coach as he did when he was a player.

We have seen what Lionel Messi can do with his domestic club Barcelona, but his motivation must be to perform on the world stage if he is to be remembered as one of the greats, and the only place to really shine is at the biggest stage on the planet, the World Cup! Food for thought for you folks! Of course, we all want Australia to win the World Cup, but Argentina is my second choice.

But, I will tell you one thing that is for certain, the World Cup will be won by the team that has players with the individual flair and imagination that can cre-

ate something out of nothing. Remember what the 'Kat' said! Watch out for Robben, Ronaldo, Nani, Messi, Ribery, Tevez, Kaka and Robinho etc.

With Socceroo selection approaching crunch time, I hope Tommy Oar and Nick Carle make the final 23 squad as they have that flair that I'm talking about, and the ability to produce the unexpected. I'd also like to see Nikita Rukavitsya have a run on the world stage, as his speed off the mark is phenomenal.

Good luck boys against the Kiwis!

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The penalty was loss of 3 Championship Points, \$4000 fine and 2 Home Games to be played behind closed

doors.

From what I can gather, a group of Fans gave a Man in Black some stick, which is something that occurs in every sporting code around the world, it's unfortunate that it happens but it does.

The question I have for Mark and Co, is how do they expect Clubs to control the Verbal Behaviour of every Fan that is in attendance at the various matches being played?

Do they expect Clubs to provide one on one Marshalls to stand next to each supporter and stop them from certain verbal behaviors?

Unreasonable to say the least.

Now let's take the above a little further, and to a higher level.

Manchester United is Playing Chelsea and a group of Manu Supporters begin to verbalise a Linesman, which

is something that occurs very often.

Would you then deduct 3 points from them, fine them and force them to play the next 2 Games behind closed doors.

Somehow I don't think so as common sense prevails in the English FA.

Consider this then also.

Club A has it in for Club B, and at Club A's next match, a group of Club B Supporters dress up in Club A Shirts and Scarves, attend the Match, and begin to abuse the Linesman.

How can The Man In Black know for certain the identity of these fans, and whether they in fact belong to a certain Club?

Over to South Melbourne we go where they rolled the dice following the decision handed down, where Heidelberg were handed all 3 points, after certain

incidents in their recent Match.

However, this fresh new Dice Role failed miserably as they are now 6 points the poorer.

I am certainly no Legal Eagle, however Blind Freddy can see that St Albans were deducted 9 points for an off the field indiscretion last year, why would South believe that they could get their 2 points back based on that decision.

I would have taken the hit and left it at that.

The NEW GDT By Laws also have a few more interesting spins to them, in that the FFV will read a Man In Blacks incident report, and based on what has been reported, will then hand out hefty fines to Clubs, including loss of points for every team belonging to that Club.

I spotted one such Incident report written by a Man in Black, where

the finger was pointed towards One Club, however, their opponents who hardly did anything except question decisions from the Man In Black, are also charged and fined to the tune of \$2500!

Personally, I have no issue with the FFV trying to clean up the Game, and punish Clubs for violent behaviour, however, they are going to far, and sending Clubs to the Wall for minor incidents.

After all, the FFV exists to assist Clubs Grow and develop.

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BOO'S WORLD

With Mark Boric



Is it still too soon to talk about the penalties handed down to some VPL clubs this week, or should I wait until any further appeals have been heard?

After an appeal, the result of the abandoned game between South Melbourne and Heidelberg United was altered once again. It reverted from the initial 3-0 forfeit awarded to Heidelberg back to a 1-1 draw, the score at the time the game was abandoned late in the piece. South Melbourne were, however, stripped of six points.

Is this too harsh? Not compared to the punishment suffered by St Albans last year, which is now clearly the precedent all such judgements must be held against. The verdict after the appeal is probably closer to the mark than the original decision of a 3-0 forfeit. Having had a points deduction wiped away on appeal in the past, South Melbourne have learnt the lesson that the FFV in 2010 is a far different beast from its predecessors.

Which shouldn't have been difficult to work out, given that going into the start of the season three VPL clubs began the season on negative points. With Dandenong Thunder also being deducted points this week for abuse and threats directed at an assistant referee, there are now five of the twelve clubs who have less points in their tally than they have earned on the park. Does this make the competition a joke, as some claim? Or is the bigger joke the way some people feel they can act when they go to the football?

There are still many inequities and injustices in the way penalties have been applied. Points deductions being applied across whole clubs, affecting junior teams who had nothing to do with payments not made by the senior arm of the club. Pitch invaders being banned for life for confronting players, whilst a club official who entered the field of play and eventually struck a match official was only banned for two years.

Dandenong Thunder have also been

ordered to play their next two home games behind closed doors. Playing games behind closed doors punishes as many innocent people (the opposition clubs supporters, for a start) as it does the guilty parties, and on top of a hefty monetary fine and the points deduction, does seem rather unnecessary.

The FFV Tribunal still has a long way to go before its decisions could be described as consistent. A brawl between supporters at a game between Nunawading City and Springvale City saw both clubs fined \$1000. Someone was hospitalised and police were called in. Trying to make sense of it all really will give you a headache, so it's time to move on.

The Champions of Europe are Inter. Blackpool are into the Premier League. And another Terry, this time John's brother Paul, is into a team-mates girlfriend. Former Spurs player (great and star would be going too far) Justin Edinburgh faces a player revolt in his Rushden and Diamonds dressing room, who all want Terry sacked.

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KRNCVIC'S CRUNCHLINES

With Eddie Krncevic

It certainly has been a bit of a busy football calendar of late as the Mad Month of May truly lives up to its name. I myself could give Eddie McGuire a run for his money for the Eddie Everywhere tag these days as I've had the pleasure of being invited to some very prominent events and functions since my last column.

Last Monday night I was a guest at the Johnny Warren Foundation Dinner that was held at Sofitel in Melbourne and enjoyed the company of many members of the Football Family. Like any family we are guilty of being dysfunctional at times, but this was an occasion when differences were put aside and the great man was honoured in a manner that was fitting to the type of human being he was.

No doubt, he would be quite chuffed looking down from football heaven, that this annual dinner also coincided with yet another anticipated appearance at a World Cup by his beloved Socceroos. Whoever would have thought that we would be entertaining such thoughts before his premature passing.

I also had the pleasure of being in attendance for the unveiling of a new synthetic pitch at Keilor Downs College. On both of these occasions I had the pleasure of being in the company of none other than Mark Viduka.

Although Mark and I both had spells at Dinamo Zagreb during our playing careers, we were obviously there at different times, and whilst our paths have crossed

briefly previously, this week was the first time we could actually afford to further the acquaintance.

There is no denying that Mark was one of the most gifted footballers this country has ever seen, but furthermore, I was most impressed that the man actually lived up to his reputation.

Many times I have met great footballers who have been a disappointment outside of the realms of the football field, but my respect for Mark has grown ten-fold after getting to know him on a more personable level.

For someone who has achieved so much he is quite the humble man, and I was most impressed with the manner he made himself available to the students at Keilor Downs. I lost count how many autographs he signed, and it was great to see how excited the children were to have a genuine superstar in their midst.

I also had the pleasure of being invited to attend the opening of the Global Game Photographic Exhibition at the MCG on Thursday, which featured numerous football images from the Laurie Schwab and Les Shorrocks collection.

It was great to see Les at the event, even though he's not as mobile as he once was, and receive the kind of recognition that has been long overdue.

The images are quite fascinating and are akin to time capsules that have recorded moments in time of our football history.

It is only until now that the people of the higher echelons of Australian football realise what a great deed football disciples

like Les were actually sowing all those years ago, when he went to matches with camera in hand and captured the goings on of what some described the backwaters of Australian sport.

These were the times when football in this country was considered, to borrow a line from John Warren, merely a past time for wogs, sheilas and poofters. I think these three events over the last week really indicated to me how much our football culture has matured and come of age.



It's what Johnny would have wanted...

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Mark Viduka shares a light moment with SBS's Les Murray at the John Warren Foundation Dinner. PHOTO: PHILIP SMITH



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MACKENZIE AT LARGE

An Occasional Offering from Craig MacKenzie

A guide to successful cheating

AFTER years of careful and considered research I am pleased to announce that clubs in Victoria can apply a formula to cheat the system and succeed.

In what may well be a first for the code in this country GW's longitudinal study into corruption in our sport has unearthed a regular occurrence of unethical and illegal behaviour that Football Federation Victoria and big brother Football Federation Australia appear powerless to halt.

We have scrutinised countless FFV and FFA tribunal decisions, read copious amounts of material on FFA regulations and FFV's rules of competition and have arrived at a sure-fire recipe for deciding promotion and relegation issues.

Basically it all comes down to money. While that's no surprise, what we did find startling was the ease at which that money can be used to buy performance-enhancing and recreational drugs, bribe players at opposition clubs to make themselves unavailable and even play players registered under a false name without ever losing even one competition point.

Indeed, if our formula is strictly applied then it ensures that three precious matchpoints will be yours and no-one will do anything about it.

You can celebrate in style be it a successful promotion campaign or having successfully escaped the dreaded drop to a lower league.

Now that I have your undivided attention please carefully read what follows, make notes if you like, or simply marvel at the simplicity of the formula and the certainty of success that it brings.

The exclusive GW formula is displayed at Figure 1.1. The formula is underpinned by Euclid's Parallel Postulate and for those non-Euclidean out there you can stop reading now and be forever condemned to football mediocrity.

Let's break down this formula into its component parts starting with Drugs (Money + No testing):

The money factor in this component is exponential so the more money you invest the greater return you receive, not just in terms of winning promotion or avoiding relegation but in an ongoing multiplier effect that carries on into seasons to come. Look at in terms of a sound investment in your club's successful onfield future.

Both FFA and FFV embrace a 'rigorous' anti-drugs policy approved by the

Drugs (Money + No testing) x Bribery (Player/Official + No investigation) x Fraud (False registration + No points penalty) = Promotion/Avoiding relegation

Figure 1.1: Our formula for winning promotion or avoiding relegation. Formula courtesy GW Collection.

Powerful wog club x corruption x VSF investigation = stick it where it fits

Figure 1.2: The ground-breaking equation discovered in the 1960s. Equation courtesy FFV Collection.

World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) but here's the rub – the Australian Sports and Drug Administration (ASADA) which conducts testing of athletes has a user-pays deal with FFA.

ASADA only receives federal government funding to conduct roughly 4500 tests a year across all sports and given the number of athletes in competition in Australia, the testing body is often forced to concentrate on testing elite athletes.

The bottom line is this: FFA funds testing of A-League players. Funding outside the national competition is left in the hands of state and territory bodies. And guess what? FFV can't afford to conduct tests.

And there's even better news for players that use alcohol. WADA's prohibitive substances list states that alcohol is only banned in competition in eight sports and football is not one of them.

Oh happy day! I mean, how hard is it to give your players performance-enhancing drugs? Okay, probably a tad harder than supplying them with recreational drugs or giving an opposition player a drinks card to his favourite venue on the night before a big game but what the hell. Who's gonna stop you? FFV ain't a problem, only Victoria Police (and the bribery component in our formula is flexible in that it doesn't just have to be applied to players and club officials).

Now to the second component of GW's remarkable formula for success: Bribery (Player/Official + No investigation):

Visa players are the easiest target here. They are not Australian citizens so they can't be locked in to staying with the club silly enough to land them on our shores under the misapprehension that

they will stay with that club throughout the entire season.

That means that if they are playing in the Victorian Premier League or State One then they only can be signed by rival clubs within that level of competition during the transfer windows.

For clubs outside these two divisions those transfer windows don't apply so GW recommends you go to www.melbourneairport.com.au/Flight-Passenger-Info/ so that you can meet and greet the imports as they clear Customs and just when they are about to be greeted by the officials of the club that has supplied the approved documentation to Immigration, paid their airfare, arranged their accommodation and their job outside football you shout: "Hello, I'm from another club and we'll give you \$100 more tax free to play with us but don't tell the ATO."

Our studies have shown that the use of this greeting is best applied outside earshot of the coaching staff and officials of the club that brought them out here in the first instance.

But even outside transfer windows (and this component of our formula here applies primarily to VPL and State One clubs) you can still offer visa players registered with an opposition club a truckload of money not to play with their club. Or even a few shekles more than their current club is paying them (cash only, of course). Our research shows that in most instances those visa players will accept your offer.

The really good news about this, from the perspective of clubs offering this bribe, is that FFV will deign this act to be a private matter and will do absolutely nothing to investigate and therefore potentially penalise your club. It's the foolproof element of this part of our for-

mula's component that is most appealing. It is known in mathematical circles as 'the FFV effect'.

But you also can offer bribes to non-visa players. Throw a couple of hundred in their direction not to play against you, to feign injury or as an incentive to play well against another club in your league that stands in your way of either gaining promotion or avoiding relegation and our formula guarantees that there will be no FFV investigation or points penalty applied. The old FFV effect once more. It's a cracker.

And if you are really desperate you can make a substantial 'donation' to a rival club. Our research shows that dealing with the rival club's president is the most effective for it can be left to him or her to ensure that the coaching staff play the seniors in the reserves and vice-versa for the match round or rounds in question. Once again the FFV effect kicks in here ensuring that no investigation will take place hence no points penalty will be applied.

(Editor's note: The FFV effect was first discovered in the early 1960s under the term 'VSF effect'. It was stumbled onto by a now-deceased soccer journalist and the ground-breaking equation is displayed in Figure 1.2 in its original form which includes politically incorrect language that was in vogue during that era. GW does not condone the use of such language.)

The third and final component of our formula for success is: Fraud (False registration + No points penalty):

If a backpacker from Brazil rocks up to your training session and asks if he can join in, once he has dribbled past the entire first team squad, nutmegged

every member of the coaching staff then tells you he just wants to play for fun he immediately becomes your new signing from Moonee Ponds. And yours is his first club. Ever. He only recently came out of a 25-year coma.

You can even hire him out to teams in other leagues as long as they register him under another name. The FFV effect is powerful but sometimes slip-ups happen and dual registrations are stumbled upon.

The last time it happened in a higher league though no points were deducted from the club that transgressed. Indeed you may even hear a tribunal member sum up the case with these words: "In a sense it's a victimless crime to play in two leagues that don't clash and don't play against each other."

This is what is known as 'the tribunal effect'. The dumbing-down nature of the tribunal effect combined with the three-blind-mice element of the FFV effect provide a powerful and effective barrier to any potential loss of points and all but ensure ongoing success for those clubs that rigidly apply our formula.

(Research Note: An unusual feature of the formula was the negative effect on the outcome of the equation whenever referees were introduced to any component part. That leads us to conclude that referees are an unstable element that should never be introduced to the formula.)

For clubs that plan to apply our formula we recommend that you use it sparingly in the first instance as it can heap financial stress on your club. We trialled our formula two seasons ago and both test clubs have won promotion in successive years and are now finding it increasingly difficult to finance the second component of our formula.

"It was okay for the first year when we won the league by 17 points and even last year when we clinched the title with seven rounds to go," said the president of one of our test clubs.

"But this year it's been a real eye-opener. We didn't realise that the higher up the leagues you go the more shenanigans that go on. We've been able to maintain our drugs budget but quite frankly we're finding it difficult to match the bribes of the bigger clubs."

In such instances we recommend that you only apply the formula for a handful of games, just enough to ensure that you stay in your league and live to cheat another day.



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'DOPEY' DECISIONS BY WORLD CUP ELITE

By Leroy Robinson

The World Cup is under 3 weeks away. The 32 participants have all submitted their 30 man preliminary squads for the event in South Africa. Leaving aside the fact I was bemused by South Africa getting the tournament in the first place I was impressed by some of the stadia, albeit I've only seen all of them by playing FIFA World Cup 2010 on the Xbox 360.

The great thing about the game is you can choose your own squads, so in effect you become the puppet master. Some countries are in need of a helping hand in picking their squads more than others. Fabio Capello picked just about the best 30 he could have. The countries that could have done with the layman picking their squads are, strangely enough, the last three winners of the World Cup - Italy, Brazil and France.

In Italy their forward line has been described as the worst in the history of the Azzuri. Looking at the names it is hard not to disagree. With Antonio Di Natale, Alberto Gilardino, Gianpaolo Pazzini, Fabio Quagliarella and Giuseppe Rossi the hardest decision for Marcello Lippi could be who to include in the squad rather than who to leave out. If I'm Antonio Cassano, the Sampdoria forward, I'm a little upset there's no place for a guy who has 9 goals and 8 assists in 32 games. If you're Italian look on the bright side; there's no Luca Toni and if you can win the World Cup with him then you can win with the aforementioned motley crew.

As usual the Brazilian public are unhappy with their coach. Carlos Dunga announced his 30 and immediately announced which 23 from that lot had been included. It's Dunga's first (and hopefully his only) World Cup selection for a number of reasons. He really should have done what most other coaches have done and pick his 23 at the last possible moment. You never know when there are going to be injuries and if you're a player in the 30 you're good to go right up until the 23-man squad is announced. By reducing the 30 man-squad right away he's alienated the 7 he's left out. I'm informed that the nickname Dunga means Dopey in Brazil and like one of the seven dwarves he's lived up to his name.

More than that, say there's an injury at the very moment he is to formally submit the 23 to FIFA. Then he has to call up a player who isn't mentally prepared to be in the squad



Brazilian manager Dunga has shown his cards early on the World Cup table, albeit with some surprise selections. It remains to be seen if his decisions will uphold the 'jogo bonito' in South Africa.

and who hasn't been given the time to bond with his teammates. He's also left an in-form Ronaldinho out of his final 23 whilst including Gilberto Silva, Julio Baptista, Kleber and Grafite. Yet one player who has been left out of the 30 altogether is Alexandre Pato. He's coming off a less than stellar year for AC Milan blighted by loss of form and injury. And yet he's scored 12 goals in 23 starts for the Rossoneri.

Now I have nothing against Grafite or Baptista but Pato is a goal poacher with pace. Luis Fabiano will certainly start (if he recovers from injury) but in picking 31 year-old Grafite (11 goals in 30 starts) ahead of the 20 year-old he has shown up his lack of belief in the Milan striker. Nothing short of winning the World Cup (and in style) will suffice for him to keep his job.

One man who won't keep his job is Raymond Domenech. The Frenchman will be replaced by Laurent Blanc at the end of the World Cup but he isn't going without being his usual bizarre self. The squad includes Andre-Pierre Gignac a 24 year-old forward from Toulouse. Seeing how he's kept out Karim Benzema from the squad you'd think this guy is a goal machine. Think again. 8 goals from 31 games suggests that coach Domenech is suffering from that fatal disease outgoing coaches sometimes get- loss of plot. They do have



Meanwhile, Raymond Domenech's tenure as France manager will probably be best remembered for bubble gum cards in a past life.

Thierry Henry, Nicolas Anelka and Sidney Govou. In other words the same cast of characters that failed at the 2008 European Championships. Nice one Raymond. Look for the French to struggle for goals in a group that includes Uruguay, South Africa and Greece. This talk of goals fits nicely into the central theme of the article. The lack of world-class strikers in the 2010 tournament.

Taking Italy as an example isn't a

good idea because as I said they won the world cup with the equivalent of Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh. For a while now they've played with a five-man midfield (or 4-3-3 if you're an optimist) to compensate for their impotent frontline. However, in the past they've had a trequartista, a playmaker like Totti, Del Piero or Roberto Baggio to play behind a front two or lone striker. This time around they have no-one of any proven quality to take up the position. Then again they

have also shown they don't mind taking a draw and going into extra time and penalties. It's typical that they have a group they could win blindfolded - with all due respect to Slovakia, New Zealand and Paraguay. Once they get into the knockout stages have a case of Red Bull handy.

Brazil is a far better example of a nation with once great strikers that has fallen. Luis Fabiano is no doubt their number one goal scorer and yet he is a big lumbering centre forward who lacks technical ability but makes up for it by being an excellent finisher with head and feet. That said there's something very unBrazil-like about a target man. I don't know about you but I was brought up on Romario, Bebeto and Ronaldo so when I see Fabiano I want to boot his every touch. There's not much in reserve either with Nilmar being second choice by a long way.

For France read Italy. They did, after all, win the trophy with Christophe Dugarry in attack. The team was based around Henry, Zidane and Youri Djorkaeff with Dugarry being a lumbering distraction to keep the central defenders occupied. Since Zidane's retirement Les Bleus has been no more than an imitation of Italy.

My main problem with the lack of world class forwards is that more teams could be tempted to play one up front, flood the midfield and cancel each other out. I'm hoping that whatever formation the teams play we get an open and attacking tournament. Looking at the other squads we can say the best strikers are Wayne Rooney, Torres, Villa and Samuel Eto'o. Messi isn't a striker but even if he was it can be argued that truly world class players perform at all levels and his record is very poor. But what I do know? Look at the following stats and decide for yourself which players should be anointed with such praise.

Luis Fabiano
(36 games - 25 goals)
Samuel Eto'o
(95 games - 44 goals)
Wayne Rooney
(62 games - 25 goals)
Lionel Messi
(44 games - 13 goals)
Fernando Torres
(71 games - 23 goals)
David Villa
(55 games - 36 goals)



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With Adam North

Arsenal runs out of Gas...

It has been less than two weeks since the conclusion of the English Premier League season, and already there appears to be some big transfer news which will have major ramifications for the next term. Cesc Fabregas, Arsenal captain and talisman, looks very much like he is on his way to Barcelona, his boyhood club. So what does this seemingly inevitable move mean for Arsenal and England, and for Barcelona and Spain?

I would like to say that I fully intended on averting my gaze from the Premier League this week, and perhaps look at the preliminary England squad for the upcoming World Cup. However, as I pointed out above, in the last couple of days rumours and half-facts concerning what could be the biggest transfer of the whole off-season, from an Arsenal perspective of course, has shaken my resolve and brought me right back to talking about the top division of English football.

It appears that Cesc Fabregas is on his way to Barcelona, before even one ball is kicked in this summer's World Cup. At the time of this article being written no deal has been finalised or even any actual offer from the Catalan giants confirmed, but from the rampant speculation both on television sports channels and from the internet media, it seems that Cesc will be on his way in the next few days. Obviously, there is still a small possibility that the little genius may be blocked from going by Arsenal, or there may be problems with forging a deal, but these seem highly unlikely. So assuming that the move goes ahead the question that needs to be asked is simply what would this mean for the Gunners, and what would Barcelona be getting for their euros?

Well first let's look at the deal from the Spanish side. Cesc is an amazing athlete, first and foremost, and works hard in every game in the centre of midfield. He is a terrific passer, has great movement, and can chip in with goals, as he did this season with Arsenal. He will also slot with ease into the style that Barcelona play, as it is a style not too dissimilar to the way he has been playing his whole career at Arsenal, which was or course the style he first learned at Barcelona as a teenager. At Barca he would be playing alongside, or in place of, players like Xavi and Inesta, two of the greatest midfielders in the world, and he would have the likes of Messi, probably the best player on the planet, and Ibrahimovic ahead of him. Plus, it



The European Summer transfer activities have already begun in earnest with Cesc Fabregas looking to leave the high life of London behind for the return to the delights of playing at Barcelona.

looks like Barca have also secured the signing of La Liga's top scorer for the season just ended, David Villa from Valencia, who himself was one of Spain's best players at the last European Championships, which of course Spain won at a seeming canter.

And from the man in question's point of view the move makes sense as well. Fabregas has always suggested that he would like to move back to his boyhood club where he began his footballing career. He will have the chance to be part of what could be one of the best footballing dynasties ever seen, in an era which is arguably best period of Barcelona's storied history.

Much like Ronaldo's move to Madrid seemed to grow more inevitable with every passing season, Arsenal fans always knew this day would come, and their captain would want to go back to his hometown, and right now seems to be the perfect time for him. From where he stands, and from where Barca are right now, it seems like a great fit.

Whether it can be said that this deal is good for Arsenal all depends on what deal is actually done. Initially it was rumoured that Arsenal would be getting £20 million for Cesc, plus Yaya Toure, brother of former Arsenal and now Manchester City defender Kolo. There were also initial reports of the Gunners being paid somewhere in the region of £40 million in bulk for the services of

their captain. If either of these deals see the light of day then I think the Arsenal fans shouldn't be too disappointed. Of course, losing your club captain, who happens to be your driving force, best player and inspiring leader, is not the best thing in the world, and I'm sure all fans would want him to stay. But this has happened before, as Thierry Henry, the best ever player at Arsenal, as well as being the best player that has graced the Premiership, moved to Barcelona from the Gunners whilst he was captain and the top man at the club, and Arsenal managed to cope, and managed to progress.

As when Henry left, and in fact also when Adebayor left at the end of the 08-09 season, naysayers are already predicting that the loss of their best player will be curtains for Arsenal's Champions League push next season, let alone their title challenge, yet as they have done before the Gunners can cope. Already Arsenal themselves have made moves in the transfer market, looking to bring in Marouane Chamakh, a highly rated forward from Bordeaux, and with the funds they get from the Fabregas move their can bring in even more talent. Plus, in Aaron Ramsey the Gunners have a player who resembles the young Spaniard in so many ways, and if he can get over his horrific injury he sustained earlier this year then he may be able to step up into the boots of the soon to be former Ar-

senal captain. And if the Gunners can bring in two or three more new faces, which they should have the money to do, I can still see them challenging for all the honours next season, as of course Barcelona will undoubtedly do also.

So if that is what this move means for the clubs involved, what does it mean for the two national leagues that these clubs represent?

I have often said that I believe that the English Premier League is the best in the world, but La Liga is certainly very close. In fact, many people consider the Spanish top flight to be drastically better than what England has to offer, which seems to be supported by recent transfer dealings by clubs from these respective nations. I pointed out earlier that it seemed inevitable that Ronaldo was going to move to Real Madrid, just as Fabregas was always going back to Barca. And in recent years it seems much of the top talent around the world is being attracted to the Spanish league. Rumours are forever circulating that Rooney, Torres, Lampard or Arshavin are on their way to La Liga, and players like David Villa and Franck Ribery seem to be opting for Madrid or Barcelona rather than Manchester or Liverpool.

However, the fact that more of the top players in the world would rather play in Spain than in England does not to me equate to La Liga being better than the Premier League. Despite all the big

names that went to Real Madrid last season, they failed to win the league, and they did not come anywhere near winning the Champions League. And although Barcelona demolished an English team in the competition, they too did not take home Europe's top club prize. The point I am making is that just because some top players want to play in La Liga does not automatically make it the best league. Of course, I have no problem with someone saying that they prefer the Spanish top division to the English one, but I simply do not buy the argument that La Liga is better.

In my opinion, La Liga is much more akin to the Scottish Premier League than the English one. I know that sounds a little crazy, but what I mean is that both leagues are so tremendously top heavy. In Scotland there is Rangers and there is Celtic, in Spain there is Barcelona and there is Real Madrid, and not a whole lot else. It can be said that Chelsea and United dominate English football in the same way, but I do not see it like that, as Liverpool and Arsenal have also seriously contended for silverware in the last few seasons, and furthermore the Premier League mid-table are also quite capable of beating the top English teams on numerous occasions, as has been shown this season.

The English Premier League is more competitive, both in terms of league standings and in the actual football matches themselves, and for my money if more exciting too. And if we look at the facts the English Premier League is the most watched league around the world, easily, which surely makes it if not the best then certainly the biggest. Therefore, at least in my opinion, any nationalistic debate about which league is better cannot simply be settled by suggesting that the best players are all moving to Spain, because that's just half the story.

Either way, both La Liga and the Premier League are great leagues to watch, and are great leagues to play in for players from around the globe, and I'm certain that the Arsenal captain will enjoy plying his trade in Spain as much as he did in North London.

So all that is left is to wish Cesc the best of luck at his new club, and of course the best of luck to the Arsenal team that he leaves behind him. And by the way, how is this for an early prediction; Cesc and Barcelona against Arsenal and Arsene Wenger in next years Champions League final. Now wouldn't that be a mouth-watering prospect for all Gooners around the world.

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BABE OF THE WEEK



Young Estelle holds the new acquisition to the Minett Clan in London this week. No name for the little one as yet, but we're hoping long time GW readers and long time suffering Liverpool fans - parents Mike and Mylie - might just well be tempted to call the new bubba 'Clemence Thompson Hughes Kennedy Toshack, Keegan DalGLISH Rush Johnston Heighway Minett'.



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FOX SPORTS

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Global Football Show

Jacob Kagi and Ian Hooper discusses local, national and international football every Thursday night from 7.30-9pm on WA's SportFM 91.3.

Green Gully Show nominated for award

The Green Gully Soccer Show is in the running to pick up an Antenna Award.
The long running show, which airs every Saturday morning at 10.30am on Melbourne's Channel 31, has been nominated in the Outstanding Sports Program category along with The Local Footy Show, Golf Zone, The Ten Pin Bowling Show and KO Boxing.

The Antenna Awards showcase outstanding achievement in locally produced programs which are broadcast on Community TV stations across Australia.

The 2010 Awards will be held at BMW Edge, Federation Square on the 27th of June. The Awards will be broadcast live on C31 Melbourne and Geelong.

"On behalf of the Green Gully Soccer Club, many thanks to the endless volunteer hours of travel, inspiration, commentating and fun, from everyone who has contributed and assisted the show over the past 6-7 years!", said The GG Show's Markian Jaworsky.

According to the official Australian ratings figures "The Oztams", the show averages about 15,000 viewers.



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What kinda crazy will Maradona get up to during this World Cup?

The World Cup hype and coverage has been ramped up to overdrive this week. The announcement of the World Cup player squads, the World Cup themed TV advertisements and the end of the European football seasons has put the World Cup in South Africa front and centre of the crazy and casual football fans consciousness.

To get in the mood I have been reading and watching World Cup related books and films.

I am in the middle of reading the excellent Maradona biography by Jimmy Burns one of the best football writers around. The book is called “The Hand of God - The Life of Maradona” and delves into Maradona’s personal and football life and as one reviewer put it, ‘Few people emerge innocent in this book.’

Maradona’s Exclusion from Argentina’s 1978 WC Squad

What I found really eye opening was Maradona’s exclusion from the 1978 World Cup Argentinian squad. Argentina went on to win that World Cup in Argentina. In the background of that triumph a Military Junta ran the country.

Here is an extract from the book on why then Argentine coach Luis Menotti didn’t pick the then 17 year old Maradona for the 1978 World Cup squad:

“Menotti told me he didn’t pick Maradona because he believed he was still too young, both physically and emotionally, to deal with possible defeat - an assessment which appears at first sight to have been confirmed by Maradona’s reaction to his exclusion.

‘For the child prodigy who had for so many years been bent on winning the approval of his elders, the feeling of rejection by this latest of a series of father figures in his life was profoundly shocking. Without waiting for Menotti’s explanation, Maradona locked himself out and wept uncontrollably.

‘He vowed never to forgive Menotti for the betrayal and to quit football altogether.

‘According to witnesses who monitored the Argentine team closely at the time, Menotti had other, more personal reasons for excluding Maradona. A man of enormous ego, he was obsessed with the glory that victory would bring, and feared that any rival would eclipse him.....that friendly against Hungary in which he had found himself almost bulldozed into bringing out the young player to the tribal cry of “Maradoona, Maradoona.”

Lucky for fans of the beautiful game Maradona didn’t quit football and we all know the rest of the story. Reading on I found this next extract very engaging. Aside from the Military Junta exploiting the victory for political gain that accom-



A Star is Born: A young Maradona makes his debut for Argentina against Hungary in 1977.

panied Argentina’s World Cup victory in 1978 there where question marks over how the victory was achieved.

“One medical source told me that in 1978 the ‘whole of Argentine football was doping itself.....I started a big fight to break the trend.” Argentina had players who had been regularly provided with amphetamines while playing for their league teams, and who found in World Cup a suitably lax regime when it came to urine samples.

‘According to other reports Mario Kempes and Alberto Tarantino were so “high” after playing one particular World Cup match that they had to keep on going for another hour before they came down again.

‘One of the most extraordinary episodes of the World Cup involved the pregnant wife of the Argentine’s team waterboy. Her urine was used as a cover for an Argentine’s player’s in one of the competition dopes test.”

Maradona’s Expulsion from World Cup USA ‘94

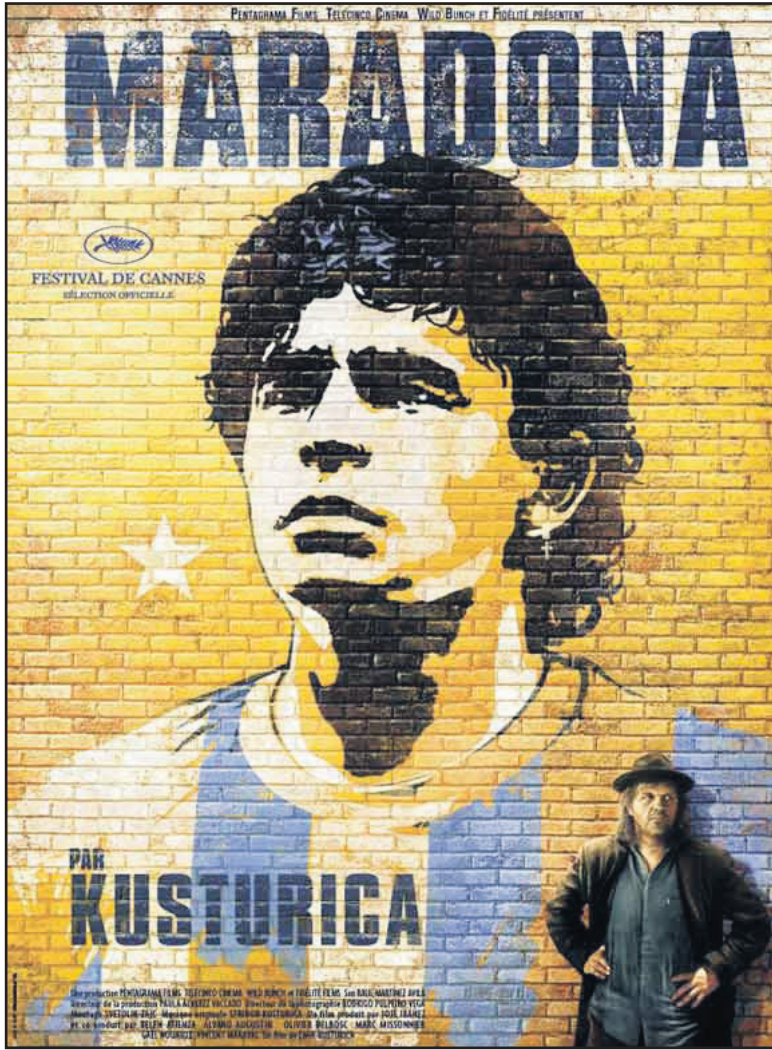
Speaking of doping and Argentinian

football I also watched a documentary called Maradona by Kusterica. In a revealing interview Maradona had this to say about his well documented drug use.

‘For 20 years during Havelange’s (former FIFA boss from Brazil) presidency Brazil did not win the World Cup. You know why? The man up there is just. The old man loves justice! If for 20 years a mafioso was unable to win the World Cup, kind of tough isn’t it? (Maradona makes a gesture where he point to his right eye)

‘I’m going to tell you the story. Argentina was eliminated from the World Cup (in 1994). We went to play Australia. It was a tie 1-1. We came back here and we qualified 1-0. There was no doping case (Maradona shakes his finger) No drugs not over there, not over here. There was no ephedrine over there or over here. No cocaine over there or over here. During the World Cup after we beat Nigeria 2-1 they said: “They’re screwing us up.” (Maradona was kicked out of USA 94 after the Nigeria game)

“I’d say Havelange is the arms dealer, and Blatter sells the bullets” (both



Maradona by Kusturica

Maradona and Kusterica laugh after this quote).

On his fight against Cocaine addiction: “Scoring a goal in front of 100,000 people, like I did with the English for example, was for me a normal thing. It was my game, my life. When I came down, I was like everyone, all of you. And I could talk to you. What messed me up was cocaine. But I was just like you. However when you let the tiger out, when I went onto the pitch, I was in command.

“Emir do you know what a player I’d have been if I hadn’t taken coke? (he puts his hand together in a prayer gesture) What a player we lost! It’s like a bad aftertaste. I could have been much more than I am. Yes. Really it’s true. I was born into football. I knew who I was going to be. But I didn’t know I was going to take coke.”

World Cup 2010

I can’t wait to see what kinda crazy Maradona will get up to during this World Cup. The final Argentinian 23

man World Cup squad was already announced before the June 1 deadline. Maradona will be coaching the side this time and the World Cup will be better for his crazy side line antics.

Final Argentina Squad for South Africa

Goalkeepers: Sergio ROMERO, Mariano ANDUJAR, Diego POZO

Defenders: Nicolas BURDISSO, Clemente RODRIGUEZ, Martin DEMICHELIS, Ariel GARCE, Gabriel HEINZE, Nicolas OTAMENDI, Walter SAMUEL

Midfielders: Jonas GUTIERREZ, Javier MASCHERANO, Juan Sebastian VERON, Angel DI MARIA, Mario BOLATTI, Maxi RODRIGUEZ, Javier PASTORE

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Me, I am tipping Argentina to beat Brazil in the final.



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Brody Willis

Goulburn Strikers FC



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Birthplace: Goulburn, New South Wales
Birthdate: 5th September 1986
Height: 171cm
Weight: 73kg
Married: Engaged to girlfriend of 5 yrs, Lisa
Car: V8 VT Commodore
Nickname: Don't really have one. Bro mostly or Brods
Previous clubs: Woden Valley, Canberra Olympic and currently Goulburn Strikers
Representative honours: AOT Youth Rockets 2005
Childhood football heroes: Paul Scholes
Favourite o/s player: Mikel Arteta- Xavi Hernandez
Fav HAL player: Jason Cullina
Fav former Socceroo: Mark Viduka
Fav current Socceroo: Tim Cahill
Most memorable match as a player: Winning a Tiger Turf Cup game in extra time 6-4, and another Tiger Turf Cup win over Macarthur Rams after penalties, the feeling amongst the team after those victories was great.
Most memorable match as a fan: Watching the LA Galaxy vs Sydney FC game was unreal. Seeing David Beckham play was great I remember all the Sydney fans were giving it to him and then he scored his free kick and they all went nuts even though he was playing for the other team. The roof came off the place when he scored it was great.
Most memorable goal you've scored: I've scored twice from halfway before and those are really special but I scored the winner in the tiger turf cup game that also gave me a hat-trick. After that goal I felt unbelievable. The goal I scored in this years Federation Cup Final I will always remember as it was our teams first appearance in a major final in the AOT.
Earliest football memory: A school game that we won 4 or 5-0. It was my first game and I played sweeper.
Funniest moment in football: In a school game we had a guy that wasn't the best soccer player but always gave 100% he came on late in one of the games and hit a volley from the edge of the box and scored. Everyone was amazed and just starting laughing as if to say "no way he just did that". It was great.
Biggest disappointment: Giving away a two goal start to Canberra FC and going on to lose Federation Cup Final. That would have really turned some heads in Canberra if we could've held on to that lead.
Worst injury: I tore my hamstring all but away from the bone in a high school game and was on crutches for a couple of weeks and it put me out for around two months.
Most difficult opponent: Canberra FC without a doubt. They are the benchmark side and twice we've held 2-0 leads but haven't come away with a win against them yet. They have a lot of experience coupled with decent young players. They are well drilled and are very hard to break down.
Fav away ground: I like McKellar (Belconnen Blue Devils) its surface is like carpet and great to play on but I haven't played there in a while. Deakin Stadium (Canberra FC) is another ground with a great surface, they both allow you to get your head up a lot earlier because the roll of the ball is true 99% of the time.
Superstitions: None really, but I've learnt if you hit the post three times in a game its just not your day.
Typical game day meal: I eat pasta most times or chicken. With yogurt or muesli bar before the game.
What are your strengths: I run the 100 in about 11.5 seconds so no doubt my speed gets me into a lot of good positions. I can read the game well and I have a powerful shot. My delivery of the ball from the set piece is also very good. My strike rate is high, I don't need a lot of chances to net a goal. I know where the goal is and have found that is a huge advantage against better defenders when you have less time to get a shot in.
What are your weaknesses: I'm not the best in the air but have scored a few headers. That would be the worst part of my game for sure. Mentally I'm learning to be stronger and to learn there will always be another chance. I felt that missed opportunities are chances to put the team ahead and it used to get me down.
Favourite team when growing up: Everton FC
Fav other sports: I don't mind a bit of cricket and I follow the NBA pretty closely too.
Fav other sportsman: I think Ricky Ponting is a great leader and I like watching him play. Kobe Bryant is a freak and he's great to watch.
Fav foods: Baked Dinners, Burritos, Lasagne, spaghetti bolognese.
Fav actor/actress: Denzel Washington is a great actor I like him, and Scarlett Johansson because she's a good sort.
Hobbies: Soccer- watching/playing, Building things, basketball, Call of Duty
Fav holiday resort: The Crown Towers Resort on the Gold Coast is really nice, only a street from the beach. Top spot.
Fav nightspot: My place on the lounge watching Premier league is fine for me most weekends, otherwise it's the club here every now and then.
Ideal date: A night in winter in front of the fire with a good movie sounds alright, or a nice restaurant.
Fav tv shows: Family Guy for sure I could watch that all day. Mythbusters is cool too.
Fav music: Red Hot Chili Peppers have heaps of



good stuff. Phoenix and Bloc Party, too. Anything catchy in most cases.
Fav film: The Wrong Man, Superbad is hilarious so is 40 yr old Virgin.
Last soccer shirt you bought: I just got 2 new Everton retro shirts from England two wks ago. A 1982 League shirt and a 1985 Cup Winners Cup shirt.
Funniest rumour you've heard about yourself: I haven't heard any, that's not to say there's not any out there.
Biggest influence on your career: I have to say my love for the game is the biggest influence on me. I want to be playing when I'm 50- even after that. By then I will have lost a bit of pace though, maybe goalkeeper will be a good position for me then.
Biggest drag in soccer: Pre-season runs and sprints up Rocky Hill are killers (thanks Daniel!) but I know its for the best.
Football ambition: I want to play at a higher level, whether it be in the A-League or overseas. I know I can be good enough and can only keep playing at my best to give myself the best opportunity and who knows who'll be watching.
Which person in the world would you most like to meet: David Moyes and Sir Alex Ferguson, for sure. That would be unbelievable.
Tip for this year's World Cup: I think this is England's best chance to win in a long time so my money will be on them. Brazil, Argentina and all the usual suspects should be there come crunch time.

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SUNSHINE COAST FIRE



SEASON 2010



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Back Row : Aston Bell (coach), David Stark (manager), Ryan Delahunty (U19), Andy Wood, Greig Henslee, Alex Henderson, Ray Schultz, James Stinson, Corey Towle, Markus Kronblad, Brodie Gardner (physio).
Front Row: Aaron Brazendale, Yuta Gonai, Jonathon Rose, Sam Knight, Shaun Blackman (c), Tyson Holmes, Joel Dempster, Chris Bacon (invitational), Antony Hall.

Following the 2006 FIFA World Cup, Sunshine Coast football enjoyed some of the most significant growth in player numbers with- in Queensland. Growth has oc- curred across all sectors of the game but particularly in younger players and females.

It became obvious that despite the marketing and development programs being very success- ful in increasing the number of players entering the code, there was still a need to provide devel- opment opportunities for elite players.

Noel Woodall (Managing Direc- tor, Sunshine Coast FC Pty Ltd) has been a strong supporter of the new QSL. As a professional statewide league, the QSL pres- ents an opportunity for regional elite players to show case their skills. As such, the QSL will pro- vide pathways not previously available to Qld players seeking advancement in their football career. Sunshine Coast FC Pty Ltd was established in 2007 by Noel Woodall to provide Sun- shine Coast players with this opportunity.

The success of the club to date can be measured by its success- es on the playing field. In the inaugural Hyundai QSL season in 2008, the Men's FIRE Team won the Premiership, Championship and Golden Boot Award. In the process setting a League record of 19 undefeated fixtures in a the Premiership, Championship and Golden Boot Award in the 2008 Sunshine Coast Football Zone Competition and also won the prestigious Two Coast Cup. The team going through the sea- son undefeated.

The 2009 Season also saw a strong overall performance by the Clubs Senior Squad when it finished third in the points tally.

Setting a second league record of 12 matches undefeated. The new Under 21 Squad performed better than their final position on the table would suggest. The FIRE Women again took out the Premiership and Champion- ship in the 2009 Sunshine Coast Football Zone Competition.

McLaren bows out on a winning note

By Jarrod Ellis

Round 9 of the Hyundai QSL kicked off on Saturday night with three games taking place. Cellar dwellers Bundaberg Spirit hosted FNQ Bulls, perhaps the longest road-trip undertaken in any state league, whilst both Whitsunday Miners and Capricorn Cougars were hoping to re-enter the winners circle in their match in Glenella.

The standout fixture though was the clash between Brisbane Strikers and the NQ Razorbacks at Perry Park. Competition powerhouse Brisbane have struggled the past two round, securing only a single point whilst the visitors from Townsville have been in irresistible form, putting five goals past Bundaberg and Capricorn in the past fortnight.

Despite displaying such attacking potency the Razorbacks defence has been the cornerstone of their season so far and it was clear from the beginning of the match against Brisbane that they intended to rely on that strength once again.

After having an early chance that saw Brett Hay strike the ball into the arms of Brendan White from inside the area, the Razorbacks were content to sit back and let Brisbane come at them.

The Strikers were happy to accept the challenge and stroked the ball about the park trying to find an opening in the visitors defence. Brisbane regularly looked to out wide to their fullbacks, attempting to work their way around a packed defence.

This tactic didn't prove too successful and with their wide men struggling

to get behind the opposition and provide quality crosses scoring chances were at a premium. A goal was to arrive just before half-time though and it was no real surprise that it was a result of play through the middle of the park instead of out wide that finally broke the deadlock.

Five minutes before half-time Sean Burke and Matt Thurtell played the ball between them before Burke unleashed Thurtell with an excellent weighted pass that saw him clear on the right of the Razorbacks penalty area. NQ keeper Kieran Gonzalez raced out towards Thurtell as he bore down on goal but the young forward slotted the ball into the net from a tight angle to give his side the lead going into the break.

The second half saw a much more adventurous Razorbacks side emerge from the dressing rooms. The visitors were perhaps unlucky not to draw level in the 52nd minute when David Mayes wasted a good chance.

From there the Razorbacks had the better of proceedings, surging forward in an attempt to find an equaliser whilst having to defend desperately against some quality counter-attacking from Brisbane.

Brisbane's defenders were in a miserly mood though after a disappointing fortnight and they held firm against the North Queenslanders, Matija Simic and Jason Shade putting in solid performances at the back.

The score remained unchanged all the way into injury time, even Razorbacks centre-half Jacob Timpano was unable to get his side on the scoresheet, seeing a shot saved by White after joining the attack for the visitors.

The match ended 1-0 giving outgo-



Sunshine Coast's Tyson Holes receives a presentation for his 50th QSL game. PHOTO: ROBYN WOODALL



Sunshine Coast opening the scoring against the QAS through James Stinson. PHOTO: ROBYN WOODALL

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2 Brisbane Strikers	9	5	2	2	16	6	10	17
3 NQ Razorbacks	9	5	1	3	19	9	10	16
4 FNQ Bulls	9	5	0	4	22	21	1	15
5 Whitsunday Miners	8	3	1	4	14	16	-2	10
6 Capricorn Cougars	9	2	2	5	10	19	-9	8
7 QAS	8	2	1	5	17	25	-8	7
8 Bundaberg Spirit	9	0	1	8	7	28	-21	

RESULTS

Brisbane Strikers 1 (Thurtell 40) v NQ Razorbacks 0

FNQ Bulls 5 (Wilesmith 36, Rusch 39,52, Ruiz 44,64) v Bundaberg Spirit 2 (Hambrecht 16, Bakker 35)

Whitsunday Miners 5(Schaper 25,62, Master 56,80, Hooper 88) v Capricorn Cougars 2 (Lupton 47, McIntosh 50)

Sunshine Coast Fire 3 (Stinson 37, Blackman 44,89) v Qld Academy of Sport 2 (Halloran 53, 60 pen)

NEXT ROUND

ROUND 10

Brisbane Strikers v Whitsunday Miners

Sat 29 May 7:00pm

FNQ Bulls v NQ Razorbacks

Sat 29 May 8:00pm

Capricorn Cougars v Sunshine Coast FC

Sun 30 May 2:00pm

QAS v Bundaberg Spirit

Sun 30 May 2:00pm

this season will bring any happiness for the QSL minnows.

The shock result of the round was without a doubt the 5-2 mauling that Whitsunday Miners inflicted upon Capricorn Cougars.

Despite being below the Cougars on the ladder and playing at home many QSL followers expected the Capricorn side to at least secure a point against a Miners team that was well beaten by QAS last weekend.

Ben Schaper struck first for the home side in the 25th minute after a period of good play from the home side and that was enough to see them lead at the break.

The second half provided much more entertainment for the neutrals as the ball hit the back of the net six times, the first of which was attributed to the Cougar's Robert Lupton. Only three minutes later the visitors were ahead as Fergus McIntosh capitalised on some lax defending from the Miners.

Going behind appeared to spur the home side on and as the flurry of goal mouth activity continued they were back in the lead only twelve minutes later courtesy of Schaper and Tyson Masters.

Masters, who has been in good form the past few rounds, bagged a second towards the end of the match and Corey Hooper scored his sides' fifth as they completed their comeback to crush the Cougars.

In the final game to complete the round, the Sundhine Coast Fire continued its unbeaten start to the season with a hard-fought 3-2 win over the QAS, where Tyson Holmes played his 50th game for the club.

ing Brisbane coach Stuart McLaren the perfect send-off in his last match at the club.

FNQ Bulls were also on the road this round as they travelled to Bundaberg to take on the Spirit at Martens Oval. Bulls coach Peter Tokesi was forced into making changes for the match as midfielders Dennis Allen and Calum Wood were unable to make the trek down.

Their absence proved not to be a hindrance as the Bulls ran out 5-2 victors despite going down 2-0 in the first half. Youngster Jack Hambrecht gave the Spirit the lead in the 16th minute and Aaron Bakker followed up with another in the 35th minute. With Bundaberg in such an unfamiliar position of leading in a match it should have come as no real surprise that they seemed unable to maintain their focus and allowed FNQ to roar back into the match.

Before the half-time whistle had sounded the visitors had struck three times to put themselves in front. Jamie Wilesmith, Joe Rusch and David Ruiz went about saving their side's blushes as they all got their names onto the scoresheet.

Rusch and Ruiz struck again within twenty minutes of the restart, effectively killing off the home sides hopes of a maiden win for 2010. With Spirit coach Richard Mitchell announcing through the media his desire to bring in new players for 2011 one has to wonder if



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Leaders toppled in round of surprises

By Mike Salter

On a weekend where several of the top teams were brought down to earth, Marconi retained a comfortable lead at the top of the NSW Premier League table despite suffering a shock home loss to the South Coast Wolves on Saturday evening. Although Marconi opened the scoring just after the half-hour, the men from Wollongong equalised quickly, and Mark Picciolini, one of the revelations of the season, sealed the three points for Trevor Morgan's team with eleven minutes to go.

In Saturday night's other fixture, the Sutherland Sharks continued their excellent recent run with a 4-1 thrashing of the West Sydney Berries. Sutherland thus remain in the top five, although they are still four points adrift of fourth-placed Blacktown.

Sutherland were the only team in the top five to gain the full three points. Blacktown were surprisingly defeated 2-0 at home by Manly United in the latter's first game without long-serving coach Phil Moss on the bench. Bonnyrigg, meanwhile, squandered a two-goal lead to draw 2-2 with APIA-Leichhardt. Details of that one can be found below.

Rockdale stayed in contention for a finals place with an important 1-0 win over their hosts Bankstown in the "Macedonian derby", while Sydney United and Sydney Olympic played out a 1-1 draw in front of a passionate crowd at Edensor Park. The hosts' defender Damon Collina was controversially sent off six minutes before the close.

APIA-Leichhardt 2-2 Bonnyrigg White Eagles

A late fightback from APIA-Leichhardt brought them a deserved point at Leichhardt Oval, stretching their undefeated run to five, as Brian Brown's Bonnyrigg side let a 2-0 lead slip in the final ten minutes.

Despite APIA's superb recent run, the visitors started confidently. APIA's attack suffered from the absence of the inventive Franco Parisi, who was absent on an overseas business trip.

Bonnyrigg had a good claim for a penalty after only five minutes when Jamie McMaster looked to have been impeded by John Kelso in the box; referee Kris Griffiths-Jones waved the play on. A minute later, Bonnyrigg's top scorer Brad Boardman received the ball in the box after a fine run down the left by young David Gullo, but Boardman could only squeeze his shot wide.

APIA's first shot in anger came in the 11th minute, when Nick Rizzo, filling in for Parisi up front, sent in a right-footed volley which Nenad Vekic did very well to save. Soon afterwards, Stephen Kayes motored past Milan Zoric on the APIA right, but his cut-back eluded the APIA forward line. APIA were reminded of Daniel Severino's dead-ball prowess on 25 minutes, when the Bonnyrigg man whistled a free kick just over the bar from 20 yards.

Bonnyrigg went ahead just after the half-hour, inevitably through the powerful Boardman. Gullo once again tricked his way down the left flank and crossed accurately, and Boardman slipped ahead of his man at the near post to send an angled header past Matthew Nash in the APIA goal.

It was Severino's deadly left foot that nearly helped to put the visitors two in front on 37 minutes; following a half-chance for Rizzo at the other end, Severino sent in an inswinging, dipping corner from the right which Zoric headed fractionally wide of the post.

Former Adelaide United striker Robbie Younis came to the fore just before the break. He sent a cross-shot past Vekic but wide of goal in the 44th minute, and then set up Kayes for a powerful shot from the right, which Vekic pushed aside for a corner. When the ball came back into play, Kayes found room for a shot



Berries keeper Hamish McLean is at full stretch under Sutherland pressure. PHOTO: CARLOS FURTADO



Sutherland players celebrate as Jim Bakis ran riot. PHOTO: CARLOS FURTADO

again, and this time Paul Cotte managed to block on the line, with Vekic out of the picture.

APIA continued to push forward in the second period, and Younis missed an excellent chance on 49 minutes, shanking a left-footed shot wide when a ball from the right had run through to him in the six-yard area. This, however, was not as embarrassing as the miss by David D'Apuzzo seven minutes later. The former Central Coast Mariner was left with an open goal to tap into when Kayes hit the right by-line and centred smartly; to the horror of the home fans, D'Apuzzo sliced the ball wide. Younis then squandered another chance

to equalise, taking too long over a shot from a partly-cleared free kick and thereby allowing Bonnyrigg to get bodies in the way.

On 65 minutes, Bonnyrigg made the hosts pay for these missed opportunities, when a free kick from deep on the right by Severino entered a crowded area; Boardman rose highest, and placed a header neatly past Nash.

Thirteen minutes later, with APIA not looking likely to reduce the deficit, Bonnyrigg substitute Nathan Elasi wasted a fine chance to kill off the game. Set free on goal in the inside-left channel, he sent a right-footed drive straight at Nash, and followed this up with a header which required another, slightly more

difficult, save from the APIA gloveman.

And so, on 82 minutes, the game turned. A free kick which the Bonnyrigg defence failed to clear reached APIA defender Mark Byrnes on the edge of the area, and the former Melbourne Victory man fired a low left-footed shot past Vekic and in.

APIA began to look more dangerous, and on 88 minutes came their lifeline. Bonnyrigg substitute Graham Forbes had gone off the field for treatment following a collision, and on his re-entry he was immediately involved in a chase with APIA's Anthony Hartshorn. The struggling Bonnyrigg man lost out, and put in a desperate foul as Hartshorn closed in on

NSW LADDER			
	P	W	L Pts
Marconi Stallions	13	9	2 29
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	13	7	5 26
Sydney United	13	7	4 25
Blacktown City FC	13	7	3 24
Sutherland Sharks	13	6	2 20
Rockdale City Suns	13	4	6 18
APIA Leichhardt Tigers	13	5	2 17
Manly United FC	13	3	3 12
South Coast Wolves	13	3	3 12
Sydney Olympic	13	3	2 11
Bankstown City	13	3	2 11
West Sydney Berries	13	2	4 10

NSW RESULTS	
NSW PREMIER LEAGUE: ROUND 13: FIRST GRADE: Sutherland Sharks 4 (Paul Kohler 42m Christopher Price 45m Blake Powell 48m Jim Bakis 55m) West Sydney Berries 1 (R Maekawa 84m), Marconi Stallions 1 (Lawrence Braude 32m) South Coast Wolves 2 (Christopher Nathaniel 38m Mark Picciolini 79m). Bankstown City 0 Rockdale City Suns 1 (Pecce Apolevski 14m), APIA Leichhardt Tigers 2 (Mark Byrnes 81m Bishara Stephan 89m) Bonnyrigg White Eagles 2 (Bradley Boardman 31/64m), Blacktown City FC 0 Manly United FC 2 (Christopher Payne 37m Robert Cattanch 51m), Sydney United 1 (Mirijan Pavlovic 45m) Sydney Olympic 1 (James Monie 47m).	

GRADE 20: Sutherland Sharks 1 West Sydney Berries 5, Marconi Stallions 3 South Coast Wolves 1. Bankstown City 1 Rockdale City Suns 0, APIA Leichhardt Tigers Bonnyrigg White Eagles Washed Out, Blacktown City FC 4 Manly United FC 2, Sydney United 3 Sydney Olympic 0.
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GRADE 18: Sutherland Sharks 4 West Sydney Berries 0, Marconi Stallions 2 South Coast Wolves 2, Blacktown City FC 1 Manly United FC 3, Sydney United 2 Sydney Olympic 2.

NSW SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 10: FIRST GRADE: Dulwich Hill 3 (B Burrows 62m J Lucas 81m R Bove 92m) Fraser Park FC 1 (A Smith 21m), Granville Rage 0 Parramatta Eagles 0, Central Coast Lightning Macarthur Rams Washed Out, St George FC FC Bossy Liverpool Washed Out. Sydney University 1 (M Havern 45m) Northern Tigers 3 (T Geekie 47m M Glanville 63/69m), Mt Druitt Town Rangers 0 Spirit FC 3 (B Gough 23m T Simpson 66m E Daglis 88m).
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GRADE 20: Dulwich Hill 1 Fraser Park FC 2, Granville Rage 2 Parramatta Eagles 1, Central Coast Lightning Macarthur Rams Washed Out, St George FC FC Bossy Liverpool Washed Out.

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE: ROUND 10: FIRST GRADE: Schofield Scorpions 2 (D Stivala 23m Z Watters 52m) Blacktown Spartans 1 (T Macrae 66m), Mounties Wanderers 0 Stanmore Hawks 2 (W Hijazi 70/87m), Hills Brumbies 4 (R Farrell 13/31m D Savic 47m T Pannowitz 89m pen) UNSW 3 (D Hardwick 15m J Byrne 65m L Davelaar 75m pen).

NEXT ROUND	
Round 14	
7pm Sat 29/May B'rigg White Eagles v Marconi Stallions	
Bonnyrigg Sports Club	
3pm Sun 30/May Syd Olympic v Bankstown City	
Belmore Sports Ground	
3pm Sun 30/May Rockdale City Suns v Blacktown City	
Bicentennial Park Sth	
3pm Sun 30/May Manly Utd v APIA L'hardt Tigers	
Cromer Park	
3pm Sun 30/May West Syd Berries v Syd Utd	
Sydney Olympic Athletic Centre	
3pm Sun 30/May Sth Coast Wolves v S'land Sharks	
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goal. Penalty, and a straight red for Forbes.

Rizzo took the kick, and although Vekic perceptively dived to his right to save, the ball was tucked away by another APIA substitute, Bishara Stephan.

Amazingly, APIA went very close to snatching all three points in injury time. A header from Rizzo forced a superb fingertip save from Vekic, and in the final minute of added time it was Rizzo again, shooting just wide from 20 yards.

2-2 it finished, a heartening result for APIA but a great disappointment for title-chasing Bonnyrigg.



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Melbourne Knights Champions Reunite



Josip Biskic and Danny Tiatto

After a successful reunion gala night, the Melbourne Knights football club opened their doors once more on a glorious sunny Sunday as all remaining plans were put into place as the club looked forward to relive some of the fame and passion on the field just like in the glory days during the National Soccer League.

After a number of decades, the Melbourne Knights football club has always been seen as a club with vast passion, pride and character which has established the club with a proud tradition and heritage, and last Sunday the Melbourne Knights football club proved its passion by bringing back some of the Croatian community together to support one of the most memorable moments in the Knights proud history as the 1994/1995 championship winning NSL side took on the 1995/1996 championship side in front of a bumper crowd at Knights Stadium.

Last Sunday also saw the Knights have all their teams playing at home and it ranged right from the under 8's through to the seniors. The

day's proceedings kicked off with the juniors who walked away and achieved fantastic results throughout the course of the morning and early afternoon.

The Knights women's team also played their first game on the main ground and marched away with yet another fantastic result beating the Yarra Jets 8-0 and they sit in a comfortable second position on the ladder. The game was followed on by the Melbourne Knights youth team who snatched a late winner in the final 10 seconds of the game to beat Green Gully's youth 3-2 and really warmed the crowd as kick off for championship showdown loomed. The Knights seniors who had a disappointing 1-0 defeat played no impact, as the day was about celebrations and the proud history and glory of the ageing Melbourne Knights football club.

As the major draw card of the day, the championship match was right around the corner, people flocked Knights Stadium to witness a piece of memorable history as the Knights golden generation stepped out onto the pitch for the first time since they won the National Soccer League in consecutive years.

The crowd saw players such as Spiteri, Tiatto, Juric, Pondeljaj, Horvat and Buljubasic all take stage to battle and to have the honor of being named the best NSL championship winning side. Billy Vojtek took charge of the 1994/95 side as Mirko Bazic unfortunately missed out due to Visa complication from Croatia and Ian Dobson stepped up once again to coach the 1995-96 side. Legendary Australian referee Chris Bambridge kicked off the game and a massive roar and energy broke out within the 2500 nostalgic supporters.

A real buzz surrounded the stadium as the players entertained the crowd both comically and professionally as the quality of football might have been a touch slower; however it seemed to be still at a very high standard. The game which was free flowing soon saw its first goal as Melbourne Victory Midfielder Tom Pondeljaj buried the ball in the back of the net to send the crowd into raptures as the 96 side took the lead.

Nevertheless the likes of Oliver Pondeljaj and Mark Cilic combining and soon the 95 side found themselves an equalizer just before half time as a slick pass from Mark Silic found Josip Biskic and he went on to beat Vilson Knezevic in goals to level the scores at 1-1.

Soon after half time the 96 side found themselves up 2-1 courtesy of an Adrian Cervinski strike. The crowds cheered their heroes and as everyone was thinking that the 96 side would take home the glory Joe Spiteri found himself with a lucky rebound ball and calmly slotted the ball past Knezevic to level the scores at 2-2 and soon after the final whistle was blown leaving both sides as equal champions.

The players were given a standing ovation walking off the field by all the supporters as they marched off the ground for the final time in front of their passionate fans and families leaving Melbourne Croatia Soccer club on a proud high.

By The Croatian Herald's Ivan Bradara



Zoran Markovski and Joe Spiteri



Ian Dobson and Billy Vojtek



The Championship winning teams of 1994/95 and 1995/96 reunite at Knights Stadium



Andrew "Staber" Marth



Mark Silic and Josip Biskic



David Cervinski, Tom Pondeljaj, Dragi Nasteviski and Zoran Markovski



Ollie Pondeljaj and Fausto De Amicis



John Markovski and Vinko Buljubasic



Photos: Steve Starek

Olympia Warriors desperately unlucky

By Walter Pless

Olympia Warriors, languishing in last place on the Forestry Tasmania Southern Premier League ladder, were desperately unlucky not to beat sixth-placed New Town Eagles away at Clare Street on Saturday.

Olympia hit the Eagles woodwork three times and also missed a couple of open goals as they fought to secure their first win of the season.

It is the club's 50th anniversary this season and they have just three points from 10 outings.

They are staring relegation in the face and that would hardly be a cause for celebration. They have already postponed their anniversary dinner until March next year.

Olympia almost took the lead in the 10th minute when a cross from deep on the right was met by new signing Alex Nandan at the far post, but his shot hit the far upright.

Two minutes later, Eagles hit the front after a quick counter-attack. Alex Leszczynski crossed from the byline on the left and prolific scorer Adam McKeown rifled the ball home from the edge of the box.

The goal took McKeown's tally to nine and he is now the equal top marksman in the competition, together with

Ben Crosswell of Tilford Zebras and Jonathon Lo of South Hobart.

The visitors were level 50 seconds into the second half. Ben Phillips crossed low from the right and, when Eagles goalkeeper and captain Nathan Pitchford fumbled the ball, Kosta Grillas was on hand to prod it home.

In the 69th minute, substitute Aaron Percy rattled the Eagles crossbar with a mighty shot, while two minutes later, Olympia's Adam Hedge missed an open goal, sending his shot from Grillas's left-wing cross over the bar.

Lee Mason almost gave Olympia the lead shortly after when he broke through the Eagles rearguard and got in a strike at goal, but the ball hit the underside of the bar and bounced down and back into play, where it was headed clear by defender Andrew Clark.

Eagles then rallied and almost grabbed a late winner. Olympia goalkeeper Dmitri Nester did well to turn a McKeown header against the bar. The ball rebounded to Alex Leszczynski, whose follow-up shot was deflected by Nester against the chest of team-mate Mason and out of play.

Eagles claimed the ball had crossed the line, but referee Kim Barker waved play on.

Leszczynski also sent a powerful shot just wide of the angle of crossbar and post, but neither side could break the deadlock and had to be content with a

share of the points.

Third-ranked Tilford Zebras drew level on 17 points with second-placed Glenorchy Knights when they beat fourth-ranked Kingborough Lions United 4-2 away at Lightwood Park.

Jayden Welch fired Zebras in front in the 13th minute, but Greg Freeman levelled for the Lions within a minute.

Ricky Self restored the visitors' advantage on the half-hour, but Freeman struck again in the 42nd minute to make it 2-2 at the interval.

Two goals by Dwayne Walsh, in the 53rd and 70th minutes, gave Zebras the three points.

In the Saturday evening match, fifth-placed Clarence United scored a comfortable 5-0 win over second-last Taroona at home at Wentworth Park.

Luke Cripps headed home Mattias Toghil's corner in the 8th minute to put Clarence in front, while Sam McIntyre added the second in the 34th minute when the Taroona keeper, Richard Nettlefold, could only parry a Cripps shot.

Three goals in seven minutes completed the victory. Substitute Ben Hamlett set up McIntyre for his second and Clarence's third in the 73rd minute, while Ben Parker nodded home Grant Malcolm's free-kick in the 75th minute to make it 4-0.

Hamlett completed the scoring in the 79th minute with a left-foot drive into the corner of the net.

NORTH RESULTS	SOUTH RESULTS
Northern Rangers 6 Somerset 1 HT 3-0 Prospect Knights 10 Launceston United 1 HT 2-1 Ulverstone 4 Launceston City 1 HT 4-0 Devonport City 3 Riverside Olympic 3 HT 1-1	Kingborough Lions 2 Tilford Zebras 4 HT 2-2 New Town Eagles 1 Hobart Olympia 1 HT 1-0 Clarence United 5 defeated Taroona 0 South Hobart 7 defeated Glenorchy Knights 1

NORTH LADDER								SOUTH LADDER							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northern Rangers	7	5	2	0	28	11	17	South Hobart	10	9	1	0	32	6	28
Devonport City	7	5	1	1	29	12	16	Glenorchy Knights	9	5	2	2	24	18	17
Prospect Knights	7	4	1	2	27	18	13	Tilford Zebras	10	5	2	3	25	22	17
Ulverstone	7	4	1	2	21	12	13	Kingborough Lions	10	3	2	4	14	21	14
Riverside Olympic	7	3	2	2	15	11	11	Clarence United	10	3	4	3	18	17	13
Burnie United	7	3	0	4	25	16	9	New Town Eagles	10	2	4	4	17	17	10
Somerset	7	3	0	4	15	27	9	Taroona	9	2	2	5	15	27	8
Launceston City	7	2	0	5	15	18	6	Hobart Olympia	10	0	3	7	10	27	3
Launceston United	8	0	0	8	8	57	0								

NTH NEXT ROUND	STH NEXT ROUND
Round 11 Friday 28th May Glenorchy Knights v Kingborough Lions KGV Park 8pm Saturday 29th May Hobart Olympia v South Hobart South Hobart 2.30pm Clarence United v Tilford Zebras Wentworth Park 2 6.30pm Sunday 30th May New Town Eagles v Taroona Clare Street 2.30pm	Round 9 Saturday 29th May Somerset v Riverside Olympic Cardigan Street 2.30pm Burnie United v Ulverstone Montello 2.30pm Devonport City v Northern Rangers Valley Road 2.30pm Launceston City v Prospect Knights Mitsubishi Park 4.30pm Launceston United - Bye



Olympia's new signing from Clarence United, Alex Nandan (left) is beaten to the ball by New Town Eagles' Andrew Clark. PHOTO: WALTER PLESS



New Town Eagles' Ben Whitehall (left) and Olympia's Mark Wakefield play basketball as referee Kim Barker is unable to see the ball. PHOTO: WALTER PLESS

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Blue Eagles flying high in Fed cup

By Nat Adamopoulos

It was cup action all around in SA this week with 8 matches being played in Round 2 of the FFSA Federation Cup. At Con Makris Park Adelaide Galaxy had a tough match hosting Adelaide Blue Eagles who they will meet again next week in round 8 of the season, the homeside eventually going down to a single goal being scored in the 2nd minute by defender Gianluca Lagati.

A game where both teams lined up with changed squads, Blue Eagles welcoming back striker Saranti Parissos, eligible for the cup match only and second string keeper Lucas Andreucci being promoted to top spot. Galaxy Coach Carl Maynard was forced to replace experience with youth with Yeing, Caine, Capel, Dittmar and McGreevy taking the place of Christophersen, Markham, DeGiovaniello, De Bono and Macolino who were carrying injuries.

The match was played with some tenacity, Blue Eagles off to a great start surprising the homeside with the early goal coming from a corner that found defender Lagati right in the goal line controlling the ball under with his body to then tap in through the Galaxy defence. Four minutes later young eagle Kym Harris was unlucky not to find the back of the net when his header went over the cross bar. Blue eagles attacked relentlessly throughout the first 45 minutes starting from the back with solid defender Dean Kenrick, through midfielder Mitch Nicholson, a young man who has been most impressive so far this season. To add to the run against them, Galaxy’s keeper Ryan Veitch sustained a freak injury in the 14th minute, when he split the webbing of his right hand after going up for a save, unable to take any further part in the match, calling upon Julian Torresan having to don the gloves for the remainder of the match after just completing a game for the reserves that went to penalties. The Blue Eagles strikers Fortunato Filletti and Saranti Parissos were getting special attention from the Galaxy defence, Parissos the prime tar-

get. After being on the end of a couple of well timed knocks to his ankle within the space of about eight minutes, Parissos was eventually forced to come off in the 28th minute, after the left ankle was caught up in the feet of defender Liam Wooding, losing his footing as he went for a shot on goal and his chance to continue on in the match. What little forward approach Galaxy had on the ball was quickly smothered by the Eagles defence with the exception of a good chance in the 37th minute where a corner kick was blasted into goal, the Eagles defence saving the day yet again with a clearance off the line. With no love lost between these two sides, a flurry of yellow cards that started from the 20th minute saw five of Galaxy’s players being booked in the last 25 minutes of the first half, with Captain Michael Doyle being brought off for Evan Metanomski in the 40th minute to avoid a send off.

The second half saw more of the same from Blue Eagles, continually creating attacking passages of play putting the Galaxy defenders and keeper under constant pressure. Galaxy’s youngsters had a good chance to equalize midway through the second half through Capel, Wooding and Caine, but Eagles keeper Andreucci did an admirable job to keep a clean sheet. One has to feel for Eagles forward Chad Bugeja normally very successful in front of goal, whose numerous shots this game either went wide or were saved by Torresan. Eagles duo Mitch Nicholson and Evan Kounavelis did most of the leg work for the Eagles, continually bringing the ball up front for their target men, as did Captain Damien DiMella. Credit to the young Galaxy side for keeping the scoreline at the single goal only, with special mention going to the keeper Torresan for playing a marathon of over 200 minutes of football in a single afternoon. Galaxy Coach Carl Maynard was philosophical in his post match review of the game. “We had a very different side out there due to unavailability of players, a different structure, different formation so naturally the game was played out of our normal style. We didn’t play well and we’re out of the cup but Im happy with the

young lads and their effort. We face up to them again in a big game next week, one where I anticipate all my starting 11 will be back so it will be a very different Galaxy side out there.”

At Pirate Park, Premier league side Pirates caused the upset of the round defeating Super league side Raiders 3-2 with goals coming from Scott Unglaube with a brace and Andrew Pemberton for the Pirates and Raiders tall man up front Nic Kuzman and Craig Goodwin. After being 2 zip up at half time, the visitors came back with 20 minutes of solid football that saw the vulnerability of the Pirates backline exposed and under pressure. But the Pirates dug in deep and managed to come up with a late goal to give them the passage through to the Quarter Finals on the 14th June.

Para Hills Knights took Adelaide City to extra time and penalties at The Paddocks, Knights keeper facing up to his old side and a great goal for goal game unfolding for the diehard football fans. The Knights eventually took out line honours with a 5-4 win on penalties after finishing the normal time 0f 90 minutes with scores locked in at 2-all and three a piece after 120 minutes. Goal scorers for Para Hills were Alex Mullen with two and Steven Ward, while for Adelaide City speedy Eli Vlassis, midfielder Nicky Orr and racehorse Nick Budin all scored. In the six goals scored during the duration of the match three were penalties with the great maestro Damian Mori giving one of those away. The loss adds to the woes and the indifferent season City have had so far in 2010.

Another great quality and very evenly matched game between Enfield City Falcons and Modbury Jets was played out at Rushworth Reserve between the two Premier League sides, Enfield just coming out on top with a goal late in the game making it a 3-2 victory to the home side. Goals came care Mark Graham, Jim Stavrides and Jo Costa and for the Jets Striker Shane Pearce, and solid rock Scotty Weidenbach. It’s a case of sweet revenge after the flogging the Jets gave the Falcons a few weeks back on their

SUPER LEAGUE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts		
MetroStars	7	5	1	1	25	12	13	16		
Adelaide Blue Eagles	7	4	1	2	17	9	8	13		
Adelaide Galaxy	7	3	4	0	10	4	6	13		
Campbelltown	7	4	1	2	12	10	2	13		
Western Strikers	7	3	1	3	16	15	1	10		
Adelaide City	7	3	1	3	10	14	-4	10		
Para Hills	7	2	3	2	9	11	-2	9		
Raiders	7	1	3	3	8	10	-2	6		
Adelaide Cobras	7	1	1	5	10	23	-13	4		
Cumberland Utd	7	1	0	6	13	22	-9	3		

NEXT ROUND										
Round 8										
Sat 29/05/2010										
Adelaide Galaxy vs Adelaide Blue Eagles										
3pm Con Makris Park										
Raiders vs MetroStars										
3pm Croatian Sports Centre										
Western Strikers vs Adelaide Cobras										
3pm Carnegie Reserve										
Para Hills vs Cumberland Utd										
7pm The Paddocks										
Mon 31/05/2010										
Adelaide City vs Campbelltown										
730pm Adelaide City Park										

PREMIER LEAGUE										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts		
Modbury	7	5	1	1	20	9	11	16		
Adelaide Hills	7	5	1	1	15	8	7	16		
Pirates	7	3	2	2	15	11	4	11		
Enfield City	7	3	2	2	12	15	-3	11		
Croydon	7	2	3	2	10	9	1	9		
Adelaide Comets	7	3	0	4	14	15	-1	9		
Salisbury Utd	7	3	0	4	9	11	-2	9		
West Adelaide	7	3	0	4	7	16	-9	9		
Adelaide Olympic	7	1	2	4	11	13	-2	5		
White City Woodville	7	1	1	5	8	14	-6	4		

home turf, although Falcons coach Peter Cristarella would prefer the 3 points for the season rather than the progression to the next round of the Cup.

MetroStars had no real trouble against State League side Northern Demons trouncing them 5-0 at TK Shutter Reserve. Goal scorers for the Stars were MetroStars young gun Jackson Groves with a double, Michael Pirone returning to the game, Michael Matricciani and Steven Grelli both with a single. West Adelaide went on with their winning lease on life defeating Croydon Kings 2-1 their fountain of youth Coach Carl Robinson scoring one and Harry Scoumbros scoring the other. The single goal for Croydon came from Frank Violi.

In the night games Premier League side Salisbury went down to Super League side Campbelltown City Red Devils 2-4 with the away side scoring all six goals. Salisbury did play patches of very good football to keep the game at a competitive level but the experience of the Super league won out in the end. Campbelltown’s scorers were Matthew Deegan with a brace, creative Aaron Taye and Vas Parhas with a single each. The other night match at Frank Mitchell Park saw two Premier league clubs take to the pitch, the Comets having to watch a mini comeback by the home side White City Warriors to take the game to extra time. White City who had knocked out cup holders Cumberland the previous round didn’t get off to a good start going 0-2 down by the half time break thanks to Comets Frank Marafioti being the sole goal scorer. But a valiant effort by Warrior Vasijevic who scored two in the second half to level the scores and take the game to another 30 minutes. The Comets held off the momentum of the Warriors and evergreen veteran Nathan Day turned to hero, putting away the winner to give his Coach (and ex team mate) Barney Smith another sweet victory to savour. The Quarter Finals of the FFSA Federation Cup will be held on June 14th weekend.

SA RESULTS										
FEDERATION CUP - Round 2										
Salisbury United 2 (T.O.G. 2) Campbelltown City 4 (M.Deegan 2, A.Taye, V.Parhas) (HT 1-2) Best – Salisbury (R.Deeley, E.Camarinha, S.Butler) Campbelltown (M.Deegan, A.Taye, S.Piotto) Res – Salisbury 2 Campbelltown 1										
White City Woodville 2 (Vasijevic 2) Adelaide Comets 3 (F.Marafioti 2, N.Day) (HT 0-2) (FT 2-2) (AET 2-3) Best – White City (N.Mileusnic, R.Saraceno, Vasijevic) Comets (R.Mitchell, F.Marafioti, N.Day)										
Para Hills 3 (A.Mullen 2, S.Ward) Adelaide City 3 (E.Vlassis, N.Orr, N.Budin) (HT 0-1) (FT 2-2) (AET 3-3) Para Hills won 5-4 on penalties Best – Para Hills (T.Rutter, B.Moore, B.Selga) Adel City (J.Cummins, M.Halliday, P.Blefari)										
West Adelaide 2 (H.Skoumbros, C.Robinson) Croydon 1 (A.Violi) (HT 1-0) Best – West Adel (M.Alexandrou, D.Reynolds, A.Aramatzis) Croydon (M.Papacharalambous, R.Gray, R.Dingle)										
Pirates 3 (S.Unglaube 2, A.Pemberton) Raiders 2 (N.Kuzman, C.Goodwin) (HT 2-0) Best – Pirates (C.Alagich, S.Unglaube, V.Ribeiro) Raiders (C.Goodwin, D.Hain, S.Brennan)										
Adelaide Galaxy 0 Adelaide Blue Eagles 1 (G.Lagati) (HT 0-1) Best players not provided										
MetroStars 5 (J.Groves 2, M.Pirone, M.Matricciani, S.Grelli) Northern Demons 0 (HT 3-0) Best – MetroStars (I.Karlovic, S.Grelli, P.Mitris) Demons (N.Young, R.Mezzino, P.Keane)										
Enfield City 3 (M.Graham, J.Stavrides, Jo.Costa) Modbury 2 (S.Pearce, S.Weidenbach) (HT 1-2) Best – Enfield (J.Stavrides, J.Cristarella, M.Graham) Modbury (D.Crowl, D.Elekwachi, A.Solagna)										
RESERVES CUP										
Western Strikers 1 Adelaide City 1 (AET 2-3 Adel City)										
West Adelaide 1 Croydon 2										
Pirates 5 Raiders 2										
Adelaide Galaxy1 Adelaide Blue Eagles 1 (Blue Eagles won 4-1 on penalties)										
MetroStars 4 Gawler 0										
The Cove 1 Modbury 3										
UNDER 19 CUP										
Para Hills 2 Adelaide City 4										
West Adelaide 3 Croydon 0										
Pirates 1 Raiders 1 (Raiders won 3-1 on penalties)										
Adelaide Hills 0 Adelaide Blue Eagles 1										
MetroStars 3 Northern Demons 0										
Enfield City 1 Modbury 4										
Salisbury United 2 Campbelltown City 0										
Cumberland United 4 N.A.B. 2 (AET)										



SA Federation Cup action: Mori brings down DeBono for a penalty. PHOTOS: ADAM BUTLER



Stirling Lions Stun Knights

By Ashley Morrison

There is an old adage in football that if you don't notice the referee he must have had a good game. Sadly after the Western Knights match with Stirling Lions most of the discussion was to do with the referee, and detracted from Stirling's deserved victory.

The Knights created the first scoring chance as early as the fifth minute when David Micevski crossed from the right and the ball dropped to Montgomery at the far post. He struck the ball on the volley and then watched his effort rebound off the cross bar.

Stirling were finding plenty of space down the right and Frost was causing problems with his runs down the flank and his incisive passes infield. It was one of those passes in the 12th minute that saw Robinson slip in behind the Knights defence, but he appeared to have scuffed this shot wide. Referee Tolmie disagreed and awarded a corner, much to the disgust of goalkeeper Fraser Siddall who picked up a yellow card for arguing too vehemently.

In the 21st minute the same two were centre stage again. Siddall spilt a long range effort and lunging forward tried to grab the ball at the second attempt, while Robinson tumbled over him. Referee Tolmie blew his whistle and to most people's surprise not least Robinson's, pointed to the spot. If as the referee deemed, Siddall had impeded Robinson inside the box, surely the offence warranted at least a yellow card and Siddall's dismissal? The referee opted to punish the Knights with no more than the penalty which Robinson dispatched past Siddall to give Stirling a deserved lead.

This goal sparked a flat Knights side into life for a brief spell, a spell that saw Daniel Micevski find Van Dongen, who shot wide. This was followed by the Knights best move of the match; David Price played the ball in towards Montgomery, who stepped over the ball and drew the Stirling defence leaving Van Dongen in space. His shot was hard and low, but Kevin Miller was down quickly to smother for Stirling.

In the 33rd minute referee Tolmie was centre stage once again. Versaico came through the back of Ingram and Stirling correctly won a free kick at the edge of the Knights box, on the right. However before that Ingram lashed out and blatantly kicked a Knights player out of frustration. The referee simply wagged his finger and told him he was a naughty boy, and no card was shown, when many would have produced a red, as David Beckham will remember.

From the free kick Bobby Wilson curled a shot over the wall and struck



There was no celebrating for Balcatta as they were upset by the lowly Swan United. PHOTO: PETER SIMCOX

the Knights crossbar. Siddall appeared to have the shot covered, although his coach Paul Price let him know that he felt the wall was wrongly positioned.

A minute later the Knights 'keeper was at his best to tip over a shot on the turn from Stirling's inspirational Robinson, and they were lucky to go in at half time only a goal down. To get back into this game they needed Anthony Campbell who was an inspiration for them last season to show a little interest, as in the first half he had been a mere passenger, leaving Montgomery a lone figure up front. Five minutes into the second half and Siddall conceded a corner from an innocuous effort from Ingram. Robinson whipped the ball in from the right and rising at the back post to head home was Bobby Wilson.

The Knights stung by that goal again lifted momentarily, and when Hind picked the ball up in midfield, advanced and let fly from 30 metres it looked like he had provided the spark they needed, but his shot thundered off the crossbar, when it probably deserved to nestle in the back of the net.

The Knights needed inspiration, but no changes were forthcoming until the 74th minute when bizarrely coach Price took

off both of his strikers, Campbell and Montgomery and replaced them with the only forward he had on the bench, Trim and pushed Van Dongen forward from midfield. It was a move that was not met with approval by the Knights faithful. Stirling had chances to seal the game, none better than in the 84th minute when Siddall inexplicably with no attacker near him punched the ball straight to substitute Boi. Just four metres from goal and with the net gaping before him, he somehow managed to miss the target completely. Then Robinson was through and lobbed Siddall, but the ball bounced wide.

The Knights did score in the final minute, a cross from the right was headed down to Trim inside the box, and he shot, the ball struck Gavin and was deflected past a stranded Miller. However despite the massive deflection, Trim was credited with the goal.

Sadly that was not the end of the afternoon's drama as in injury time referee Tolmie decided it was time to throw away commonsense and issue two red cards, one to Robinson for Stirling and one to Lecky for the Knights. The two had clashed and Lecky trod on Robinson as he stumbled, an action that maybe

could have been avoided. Robinson then understandably, although foolishly, reacted and kicked out at Lecky. With less than a minute to go, one would have hoped that commonsense would have prevailed and a talking to would have sufficed; especially in light of the referees earlier decisions. Now Stirling will lose their key player for at least two weeks, and that will be a huge blow as he is without doubt when Robinson plays well they play well.

In other matches ECU Joondaulp twice came from behind to draw 2-2 with Floreat Athena, and were by all accounts unlucky not to take all three points. Struggling Inglewood found themselves 3-0 up against Sorrento and must have thought they were heading for their fourth win of the season, but Trevor Morgan's men came storming back to take all three points winning 5-4.

After two good results in the past two weeks against Perth and the Western Knights Swan produced another when they defeated high flying Balcatta 1-0 away from home. In the final game to complete the round, Perth SC overtook the Knights at the top of the standings after beating Armadale 2-0.

WA LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Perth SC	10	7	1	2	24	20	4	22
2 Western Knights	10	6	2	2	25	13	12	20
3 Floreat Athena	10	5	2	3	24	14	10	17
4 Stirling Lions	10	5	2	3	16	13	3	17
5 Balcatta	10	5	1	4	20	18	2	16
6 Sorrento	10	4	3	3	21	22	-1	15
7 ECU Joondalup	10	2	5	3	23	24	-1	11
8 Mandurah City	10	3	2	5	18	25	-7	11
9 Armadale	10	2	4	4	13	15	-2	10
10 Swan United	10	2	4	4	9	15	-6	10
11 Inglewood United	10	3	1	6	14	23	-9	10
12 Cockburn City	10	1	3	5	12	13	-4	6

WA RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

First Team
ECU Joondalup 2 (Johnson 20, O'Callaghan 65) Floreat Athena 2 (OG 3, Mirco 24); Western Knights 1 (Trim 90) Stirling Lions 2 (Robinson 23P, Wilson 50); Inglewood United 4 (Geddes 6, 24, Carr 30, Clarke 92) Sorrento FC 5 (Quinnicroft 45, Foster 55, 85P, Love 78P, 90P); Balcatta 0 Swan United 1 (Boland 51); Mandurah City 3 (Young 33, Platt 68, OG 85) Cockburn City 2 (Dos Santos 59, Dugdale 70), Perth SC 2 (Doyle 34, Puca pen 66) Armadale 0

Reserves
ECU Joondalup 1 Floreat Athena 0; Western Knights 3 Stirling Lions 5; Inglewood United 1 Sorrento FC 1; Balcatta 1 Swan United 3; Mandurah City 1 Cockburn City 0, Perth SC 6 Armadale 0

Under 18's
ECU Joondalup 0 Floreat Athena 0; Western Knights 2 Stirling Lions 0; Inglewood United 8 Sorrento FC 2; Balcatta 4 Swan United 2; Mandurah City 0 Cockburn City 0, Perth SC 6 Armadale 1

DIVISION ONE

First Team
Bayswater City 4 (Gonzales 15, Aguire 30, Catalano 33, Jorquera 42) Morley-Windmills 1 (Griffiths 17); Queens Park 4 (Conte 27, Chikcombe 30, Hugala 32, Anthony 34) Ashfield 3 (Harman 3, Castrilli 37, Culverwell 70); Forrestfield United 1 (Burns 23) Wanneroo City 4 (McGahern 8, Booyesen 45, OG 53, Cairney 69); Canning City 1 (Diamond 90) Dianella White Eagles 1 (Kuppusamy 46); Bunbury Forum Force 1 (Ravenhill 7) Gosnells City 0; Rockingham City Fremantle Spirit (5.00pm)

Reserves
Bayswater City 1 Morley-Windmills 3; Queens Park 4 Ashfield 9; Forrestfield United 1 Wanneroo City 0; Canning City 1 Dianella White Eagles 4; Bunbury Forum Force 9 Gosnells City 1; Rockingham City Fremantle Spirit

Under 18's
Bayswater City 8 Morley-Windmills 0; Queens Park 3 Ashfield 0; Forrestfield United 2 Wanneroo City 0; Canning City 5 Dianella White Eagles 2; Bunbury Forum Force 5 Gosnells City 0; Rockingham City 1 Fremantle Spirit 4

NEXT ROUND

Round 11

Sat 29 May 3PM Floreat Athena v Inglewood United E & D Litis Stadium
Sat 29 May 3PM Armadale v Swan United Alfred Skeet Oval A
Sat 29 May 3PM Sorrento v Mandurah City Percy Doyle Reserve
Sat 29 May 3PM Western Knights v Cockburn City Nash Field
Sat 29 May 3PM Balcatta v ECU Joondalup Grindelford Reserve
Sun 30 May 3PM Stirling Lions v Perth SC Macedonia Park

DIVISION ONE LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Bunbury Forum Force	8	7	0	1	34	5	29	21
2 Bayswater City	8	6	0	2	28	12	16	18
3 Gosnells City	8	6	0	2	16	9	7	18
4 Dianella White Eagles	8	4	2	2	18	13	5	14
5 Wanneroo City	8	4	1	3	15	12	3	13
6 Forrestfield United	8	4	0	4	18	17	1	12
7 Canning City	8	3	2	3	16	19	-3	11
8 Morley-Windmills	8	2	2	4	8	16	-8	8
9 Rockingham City	7	2	0	5	8	17	-9	6
10 Queens Park	8	2	0	6	12	30	-18	6
11 Ashfield	8	1	1	6	17	28	-11	4
12 Fremantle SC	7	0	4	3	8	20	-12	4

Stadium upgrade a boost for football

Peak body Football West congratulates the State Government for its decision to invest \$82 million into the upgrade of ME Bank Stadium in East Perth.

The funding for stage one will allow ME Bank Stadium to receive much needed upgrades to its infrastructure including a new East Stand and pitch upgrades, with additional corporate facilities, changing rooms and player amenities also under consideration.

“There is no question that a rectangular stadium provides the best viewing experience for sports such as

rugby union and league, and soccer,” said Minister for Sport and Recreation Terry Waldron.

“We look forward to many successful seasons on and off the field for the Perth Glory, the Western Force, and perhaps even a league team.”

Football West Chairman Mr Kevin Campbell AM recognises the importance of the State Government Support for rectangular sports.

“An upgrade of facilities at ME Bank Stadium is long overdue, and we commend the Government for their support in developing an improved spectator

experience for rectangular sports.”

“The upgrades will ensure first class facilities for the Perth Glory and puts Western Australia on the map to host future Qantas Socceroos and Westfield Matildas matches and to again bring the World Game back to the local community,” he said.

“Following the recent announcement for the 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cup™ Bid and the inclusion of Perth as a host city, Football West now looks forward to working with all levels of Government and the corporate community to further develop the game

to its full potential, including the construction of a purpose built home for football in WA.”

The State Government expect construction to commence in 2012 with a capacity for 25,000 spectators.

This timetable is contingent on the State Government coming to agreement with the Town of Vincent on the future ownership of the facility.



FFV Men's Metropolitan League & Women's Results

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MENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE NORTH-WEST: Oak Park 5 (H Unal M Canpolat 2 U Bal) Light Utd 0, Keon Park 1 (T Rousalis) Ascot Vale 2 (M Mejia), Northern Utd 1 Tullamarine Jets 2 (M Al Kazimi H Aksoy), Altona North 2 (D Byrnes Own Goal) Moreland Wolves 3 (J Dougal S Fatini P Richman), Yarra Jets 1 Heidelberg Stars 3 (M Ahmed OM Ali H Hassan), Reserves: Oak Park 0 Light Utd 3 (F Gurkan H Karakulak C Kural), Keon Park 1 Ascot Vale 3, Northern Utd 0 Tullamarine Jets 3 (U Cicek 3), Altona North 1 Moreland Wolves 3, Yarra Jets 2 Heidelberg Stars 3

MENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE SOUTH-EAST: Dandenong Warriors 2 (L Palmire 2) Middle Park FC 2 (M Furness K Hogan), Ringwood City 1 (L Van Gulik) St Kevins 1 (A Fehervari), Parkmore 1 (A Jovanovic) Harrisfield Hurricanes 3 (D Mayne 2 E Pulo), Old Mentonians 2 (P Mc Loone K Larsen) Endeavour Hills 2 (K Ewenor E Pham), Reserves: Dandenong Warriors 1 Middle Park FC 6, Ringwood City 0 St Kevins 0, Parkmore 1 Harrisfield Hurricanes 0, Old Mentonians 0 Endeavour Hills 3

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 1: Doncaster Rovers 2 (L Stevens K Dixon) Bundoora Utd 0, Whitehorse Utd 7 (N Tumblety VJ Castro S Lewis A Collier AL Barnett E Turner 2) South Yarra 1, Bayswater Strikers 4 (K Harold E Doughty 2 LJ Allen) Monbulk 2 (AM Whetham A De Boer), Ballarat & District 3 South Springvale 0, Uni. of Melbourne 2 Brighton 0, Reserves: Doncaster Rovers 1 Bundoora Utd 0, Whitehorse Utd 6 South Yarra 2, Bayswater Strikers 4 Monbulk 5, Ballarat Lady Devils 2 South Springvale 3, Uni. of Melbourne 1 Brighton 1

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE 2 NORTH-WEST: Fawkner 5 Whittlesea Ranges FC 2, North Geelong Warriors 2 (NS Milinkovic D Marincic) Western Suburbs 1 (K Pantelidis), La Trobe University 10 Melbourne Bears 0, Darebin Falcons 0 Western Eagles 8,

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 SOUTH-EAST: Mornington 4 North Caulfield 1, Noble Park 2 (A Jasjevic L Moya) Albert Park 1 (H Saur), Berwick City 7 (J Cary 2 K Wilson A Ravi 3) Mooroolbark 1 (N Carusi), Southern Suburbs 2 Monash University 1, Sandringham 3 Ashburton 1

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 NORTH-WEST: Eltham Redbacks 2 (KM Hodgson L Peric) Kyneton District 0, Maribyrnong Utd 0 Sunshine George Cross 2 (T Papaluca 2), Keilor Park 6 (M Emmond H Hogarth 2 C Gluhak T Tisocco 2) Yarra Jets 2 (a callaghan 2), Old Carey 6 (L Dana 2 L Smith) Melton 3 (ML Williamson N Palmer KK Thompson), Diamond Valley Utd 2 Brunswick Zebras 3

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 SOUTH-EAST: Endeavour Utd 2 (L Moussao D Pienas) Box Hill Inter 5, Langwarrin 6 Ashburton 0, Croydon City Arrows 5 Beaumaris 2, Knox City 0 Seaford Utd 4,

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE NORTH-WEST: Plenty Valley Lions 0 Brunswick Zebras 2 (D Wood F Farnan), Tullamarine Jets 1 Melbourne Knights 3,

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE SOUTH-EAST: Berwick City 9 Mooroolbark 3, Croydon City Arrows 6 (OJ Buchanan CA Wilson E Deakin) Monash University 1, Dandenong City 7 (MA Hubeek 4 K Tutic A Milusic M Zuscak) Kingston City 1, Endeavour Hills 8 (Z Gilbert S Kouiroukidis 2 I Lagrasse 2) Skye Utd 0,

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE CENTRAL: Port Melbourne 1 Swinburne University WSC 0, Elwood City 1 Sydenham Park 4 (M Bogoevska 4), Whittlesea Zebras 2 (M Bonaddio) Monash University 0, Uni. of Melbourne 1 Sandringham 3

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 1: Monash University 2 (D Riviere A Burns) La Trobe University 4, Southern Suburbs 1 South Yarra 8,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 2 NORTH-WEST: Glenroy 4 (D Sinkovic M Cavar 2 D Kozul) Upfield 1, Moreland City 1 La Trobe University 4, Collingwood City 1 Melbourne University 0,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 2 SOUTH-EAST: Berwick City 1 Caulfield Grammarians 4, Old Scotch 0 South Yarra 4

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 3 NORTH-WEST: Plenty Valley Lions 3 Hoppers Crossing 2, Melton 2 Uni. of Melbourne 1, Northcote City 3 Kyneton District 1, Lalor 2 Werribee City 4,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 3 SOUTH-EAST: Old Haileybury 4 Melbourne University 0,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 4 NORTH-WEST: Williamstown 1 Altona City 8

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 4 SOUTH-EAST: Beaumaris 3 RMIT Redbacks 1, Old Scotch 1 South Yarra 4,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 5 NORTH-WEST: Melbourne University 1 Melbourne Bears 3, Altona City 10 Moreland Wolves 0, Uni. of Melbourne 1 Heidelberg Utd 2

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 5 SOUTH-EAST: Old Brighton Grammarians 2 Keysborough 1, Middle Park FC 6 Eltham Redback FC 1,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 6: Old Scotch 2 Epping City 1,

MENS MASTERS NORTH-WEST: Moreland City 7 Avondale Heights 0,

MENS MASTERS CENTRAL: Juventus Old Boys 5 Caulfield Cobras 1, Middle Park FC 1 South Yarra 8, Collingwood City 2 Ashburton 1,

Mens	Metropolitan	League		North-West			
		P	W	D	L	F	A
Heidelberg Stars		7	5	1	1	13	7
Tullamarine Jets		7	4	2	1	15	9
Moreland Wolves		7	4	1	2	15	14
Oak Park		7	3	3	1	18	9
Altona North		7	3	3	1	17	12
Light Utd		7	3	0	4	13	15
Yarra Jets		7	2	2	3	12	15
Ascot Vale		7	1	2	4	6	14
Northern Utd		7	1	1	5	8	12
Keon Park		7	1	1	5	9	25

Mens	Metropolitan	League	North-West				Reserves		
			P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Light Utd			7	5	1	1	25	12	16
Heidelberg Stars			7	4	3	0	25	16	15
Moreland Wolves			7	4	1	2	20	12	13
Tullamarine Jets			7	3	3	1	20	12	12
Northern Utd			7	4	0	3	16	13	12
Yarra Jets			6	3	1	2	21	11	10
Oak Park			7	2	1	4	15	20	7
Altona North			6	2	0	4	10	20	6
Ascot Vale			7	1	2	4	9	20	5
Keon Park			7	0	0	7	5	30	0

Mens	Metropolitan	League		South-East			
		P	W	D	L	F	A
Dandenong Warriors		6	3	2	1	10	7
Harrisfield Hurricanes		6	2	4	0	14	10
Old Mentonians		6	2	3	1	11	9
Caulfield Grammarians		6	2	3	1	10	9
Middle Park FC		5	2	2	1	12	7
Ringwood City		6	2	2	2	7	9
Parkmore		6	2	0	4	5	8
St Kevins		6	1	2	3	11	15
Endeavour Hills		7	1	2	4	9	15

Mens	Metropolitan	League	South-East			Reserves		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Ringwood City	6	5	1	0	17	5	16	
Middle Park FC	5	5	0	0	21	2	15	
Dandenong Warriors	6	3	1	2	16	14	10	
Endeavour Hills	7	3	0	4	8	13	9	
Parkmore	6	2	2	2	10	10	8	
St Kevins	6	2	2	2	5	9	8	
Harrisfield Hurricanes	6	2	1	3	9	8	7	
Old Mentonians	6	1	1	4	11	23	4	
Caulfield Grammarians	6	0	0	6	7	20	0	

Womens	State	League	Div				1			
			P	W	D	L		F	A	P
Doncaster Rovers			6	6	0	0	22	2	18	
Bundoora Utd			6	5	0	1	22	4	15	
Ballarat & District			6	5	0	1	21	4	15	
Uni. of Melbourne			6	5	0	1	21	9	15	
Bayswater Strikers			6	4	0	2	21	14	12	
Monbulk			6	2	1	3	8	8	7	
Whitehorse Utd			6	1	1	4	10	18	4	
South Springvale			6	1	0	5	8	17	3	
Brighton			6	0	0	6	1	26	0	
South Yarra			6	0	0	6	3	35	0	

Womens	State	League	Div	1	Reserves					
			P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Doncaster Rovers			6	6	0	0	25	0	18	
Bundoora Utd			6	5	0	1	25	3	15	
Uni. of Melbourne			6	4	1	1	22	6	13	
Bayswater Strikers			6	4	0	2	25	15	12	

Boys Central - North 13 A:	Heidelberg Utd 9 Alphington 0, Epping City 1 South Melbourne 1, Bye Whittlesea Ranges FC , Bundoora Utd Richmond
Boys Central - North 13 B:	Whittlesea Ranges FC 5 FC Clifton Hill 0, Heidelberg Stars Bundoora Utd ,Malvern City 0 Yarraville Glory 4, Mitchell Rangers 2 Watsonia Heights 2, Yarra Jets 17 Plenty Valley Lions 2, Yarra Jets 2 2 Maribyrnong Greens 2, Eltham Redback FC 1 Port Melbourne 4
Boys Central - North 14 A:	Preston Lions 0 South Melbourne 4, Whittlesea Ranges FC 10 Diamond Valley Utd 0, Bundoora Utd Richmond 2, Yarra Jets Northcote City
Boys Central - North 14 B:	Heidelberg Utd 7 Plenty Valley Lions 0, Richmond 0 South Yarra 0, Heidelberg Stars Whittlesea Ranges FC , Watsonia Heights 1 Bundoora Utd 2, Alphington 4 Keon Park 2
Boys Central - North 15 A:	Bye Heidelberg Stars , Whittlesea Ranges FC 1 FC Clifton Hill 2, Bundoora Utd Richmond , Yarra Jets 4 Preston Lions 0, Banyule City South Melbourne
Boys Central - North 15 B:	Northcote City 2 Diamond Valley Utd 2 1, Richmond 1 Maribyrnong Greens 2, South Melbourne Melbourne Lions , Malvern City 0 Diamond Valley Utd 1 5, Alphonight 0 Bundoora Utd 3
Boys Central - North 16 A:	Preston Lions Bye , Richmond 2 1 South Melbourne 0, Whittlesea Ranges FC FC Clifton Hill , Epping City Malvern City , Bundoora Utd Richmond 1
Boys Central - North 16 B:	Heidelberg Utd Yarraville Glory , Yarraville Glory 0 Richmond 9, Yarra Jets 2 Bundoora Utd 0
Boys East - North East 12 A:	Ashburton 2 FC Bulleen Lions 1, Box Hill Inter 10 Glen Waverley 0, Doncaster Rovers 0 Eastern Lions 1, Monash City 3 Knox City 0
Boys East - North East 12 B:	Oakleigh Cannons 1 Riversdale 1, Boroondara Eagles 5 Manningham 1, Eltham Redback FC FC Bulleen Lions , Mooroolbark 1 Doncaster Rovers 1, Nunawading City FC 0 Ashburton 5
Boys East - North East 12 C:	FC Bulleen Lions 0 Waverley Victory 0, Doncaster Rovers 6 Eltham Redback FC 0, Knox Utd 1 Boronia 2, Sherbrooke Rangers Bye , DOC Utd 4 Knox City 2
Boys East - North East 12 D:	Bye East Kew , Riversdale 4 Oakleigh Cannons 0, Ashburton 1 Croy-

South Springvale	6	3	0	3	11	11	9
Monbulk	6	2	1	3	10	12	7
Whitehorse Utd	6	2	0	4	9	14	6
Brighton	6	1	2	3	6	18	5
Ballarat Lady Devils	6	1	0	5	5	12	3
South Yarra	6	0	0	6	2	49	0

Womens	State	League	Div	North-West						
				P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Eagles			6	5	0	1	25	3	15	
La Trobe University			6	5	0	1	21	4	15	
Cairlea			5	5	0	0	19	4	15	
FC Bulleen Lions			5	3	1	1	10	3	10	
Fawkner			6	3	1	2	16	10	10	
North Geelong Warriors			6	3	0	3	16	8	9	
Darebin Falcons			6	2	0	4	10	20	6	
Western Suburbs			6	2	0	4	6	18	6	
Whittlesea Ranges FC			6	0	0	6	5	24	0	
Melbourne Bears			6	0	0	6	1	35	0	

Womens	State	League	Div	2	South-East					
			P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Sandringham			6	5	1	0	18	4	16	
Berwick City			6	4	0	2	21	9	12	
Southern Suburbs			6	3	1	2	12	11	10	
Albert Park			6	3	0	3	15	10	9	
Noble Park			5	3	0	2	13	17	9	
Ashburton			6	2	1	3	7	9	7	
Mornington			6	2	1	3	9	13	7	
Mooroolbark			6	1	2	3	6	14	5	
North Caulfield			6	1	1	4	7	21	4	
Monash University			5	0	3	2	8	8	3	

Womens	State	League	Div	3	North-West
	P	W	D	L	F A PT
Keilor Park	6	6	0	0	36 11 18
Yarra Jets	6	5	0	1	21 12 15
Brunswick Zebras	6	4	1	1	14 8 13
Eltham Redbacks	6	3	1	2	15 11 10
Sunshine George Cross	6	3	0	3	12 9 9
Diamond Valley Utd	6	2	1	3	14 12 7
Melton	6	2	1	3	8 17 7
Old Carey	6	2	0	4	14 22 6
Kyneton District	6	1	0	5	7 18 3
Maribyrnong Utd	6	0	0	6	3 24 0

Womens	State	League	Div	3	South-East						
			P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T	
Seaford Utd			6	5	1	0	22	4	16		
Box Hill Inter			6	4	1	1	23	8	13		
Langwarrin			6	3	3	0	26	7	12		
Croydon City Arrows			6	4	0	2	20	10	12		
South Melbourne			5	3	1	1	18	12	10		
Knox City			6	2	1	3	13	16	7		
Beaumaris			6	1	1	4	15	30	4		
Ashburton			6	1	0	5	10	27	3		
East Bentleigh			4	1	0	3	7	25	3		
Endeavour Utd			5	0	0	5	13	28	0		

Womens	Metropolitan	League		North-West					
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Brunswick City		5	5	0	0	52	3	15	
Melbourne Knights		5	4	1	0	32	1	13	
Mitchell Rangers		5	3	1	1	9	4	10	
Brunswick Zebras		6	3	0	3	20	17	9	
Fitzroy City		5	2	2	1	10	4	8	
Tullamarine Jets		5	2	0	3	16	19	6	
Watsonia Heights		5	2	0	3	8	18	6	
Plenty Valley Lions		6	2	0	4	9	28	6	
Yarra Jets		5	1	0	4	9	30	3	
Northern Roosters		5	0	0	5	2	43	0	

Womens	Metropolitan	League		South-East					
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Berwick City		6	6	0	0	37	6	18	
Dandenong City		6	5	0	1	28	10	15	
Endeavour Hills		6	4	0	2	29	6	12	
Kingston City		6	3	1	2	14	13	10	
Mooroolbark		6	2	2	2	10	11	8	
Croydon City Arrows		6	2	1	3	12	16	7	
Eltham Redbacks		5	1	2	2	4	10	5	
Sandringham		5	1	1	3	7	14	4	
Skye Utd		6	1	1	4	4	29	4	
Monash University		6	0	0	6	2	32	0	

Womens	Metropolitan	League			Central				
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T
Sydenham Park		6	5	0	1	19	6	15	
Sandringham		6	4	1	1	11	7	13	
Whittlesea Zebras		6	3	2	1	12	5	11	
Port Melbourne		6	3	1	2	6	9	10	
Uni. of Melbourne		6	3	0	3	11	9	9	
Monash University		6	3	0	3	8	9	9	

Bayside Argonauts	5	2	0	3	10	11	6
Elwood City	6	2	0	4	8	11	6
Albert Park	5	1	1	3	2	9	4
Swinburne University WSC	6	0	1	5	4	15	1

Mens	Thirds	League	Div			1			
			P	W	D		L	F	A
South Yarra			6	5	1	0	32	4	16
Cleeland Utd			5	4	1	0	17	5	13
Kyneton District			5	3	1	1	14	6	10
Marcellin Old Collegians			5	3	1	1	9	8	10
Doveton			5	2	1	2	7	7	7
La Trobe University			6	2	0	4	20	24	6
Altona Lions			5	2	0	3	8	13	6
Juventus Old Boys			5	1	2	2	9	14	5
Southern Suburbs			6	0	2	4	5	26	2
Monash University			6	0	1	5	4	18	1



FFV Junior Results and Ladders

Boys South East 16 A: East Bentleigh Bentleigh Greens , Beaumaris Brighton , Caulfield Cobras Bentleigh Greens , Brighton 4 North Caulfield 1, Bayside Knights Hampton

Boys South-South East 13 C: Frankston Pines Keysborough , North Caulfield 0 Kingston City 2, Beaumaris 0 Bayside Argonauts 6, Berwick City 4 Casey Comets 0, Lyndale Utd 3 Aspendale 2, Brighton 1 Dandenong City 2

Boys South-South East 16 B: Berwick City 11 Brighton 1, Hampton East Bentleigh , Heatherton Utd 2 Southern Stars 2, Peninsula 1 North Caulfield 0

Boys South 12 A: Bye Peninsula , Berwick City 1 South Eastern Piranhas 2, Dandenong City 1 Mornington 0, Dandenong Thunder 7 Doveton 2

Boys South 12 B: Baxter 1 Mornington 3, Berwick City 4 Peninsula 0, Doveton 8 Hampton Park Utd 0, Langwarrin 7 Endeavour Utd 0

Boys South 12 C: Berwick City 3 Peninsula 0, Berwick City 1 Keysborough 2, Carrum Utd 0 James Cook FC 2, Casey Panthers 6 Mornington 0, Heatherton Utd 8 Westernport 1

Boys South 13 A: Berwick City 1 South Eastern Piranhas 2, Dandenong City 2 Mornington 0, Doveton 3 Hampton Park Utd 0, Langwarrin 0 Springvale White Eagles 0

Boys South 13 B: Casey Comets 2 White Star Dandenong 2, Baxter 1 Mornington 3, Berwick City 1 Peninsula 0, Carrum Utd 1 Langwarrin 7, Southern Stars 5 Endeavour Utd 1

Boys South 14 A: Casey Comets 4 South Springvale 1, Berwick City 5 Hampton Park Utd 0, Dandenong Thunder Peninsula , South Eastern Piranhas 1 Doveton 1, Bye Mornington

Boys South 14 B: Berwick City 1 Seaford Utd 0, Doveton 1 Peninsula 1, Langwarrin 2 Carrum Utd 1, Lyndale Utd 13 Keysborough 2

Boys South 14 C: Casey Comets 6 Rosebud 0, Baxter 1 Dandenong Warriors 6, Casey Panthers 2 Hampton Park Utd 3, Westtempot 0 Dandenong City 5

Boys South 15 A: Bye Springvale White Eagles , Berwick City 2 Peninsula 1, Dandenong City 2 Keysborough 1, Dandenong Thunder 2 Endeavour Utd 2, South Eastern Piranhas 4 Doveton 1

Boys South 15 B: Frankston Pines Endeavour Utd , Baxter 3 Casey Comets 3, Berwick City 6 James Cook FC 2, Carrum Utd 3 Langwarrin 1, Peninsula 0 Mornington 5

Boys South 16 A: Bye Langwarrin , Casey Comets 5 Keysborough 1, Berwick City 9 Mornington 0, Hampton Park Utd 3 White Star Dandenong 3, Peninsula 1 South Eastern Piranhas 2

Boys West 12 A: Altona City Brimbank Stallions , Ballarat Academy of Soccer Green Gully Cavaliers , Hoppers Crossing Keilor Park , North Geelong Warriors Melbourne Knights , St Albans Saints Sydenham Park

Boys West 12 B: Cairnlea 2 Keilor Park 1 0, Altona City Bye , Bell Park 2 Green Gully Cavaliers 6, Sunshine Heights 3 Keilor Park 2 4, Spring Hills 0 Laverton Park 0

Boys West 13 A: Altona City Sunshine George Cross , Brimbank Stallions 2 Melbourne Knights 5, Hoppers Crossing 0 Werribee City 3, Keilor Park 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 2, St Albans Saints Brimbank City

Boys West 13 B: Cairnlea 4 Williamstown 0, Altona East Phoenix 0 Laverton Park 2, Ballarat Academy of Soccer Bye , Brimbank Stallions 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 11, Keilor Park 0 GRFA 5

Boys West 13 C: Sunshine George Cross 1 North Geelong Warriors 1, Westvale 9 Oak Park SC 0, Williamstown Bye , Spring Hills 4 Hoppers Crossing 4

Boys West 14 A: Altona Magic 1 Green Gully Cavaliers 7, Cairnlea 1 Melbourne Knights 2, Altona City GRFA , Ballarat Academy of Soccer Bye , Hoppers Crossing 0 Keilor Park 11

Boys West 14 B: Cairnlea 1 Williamstown 1, Bye Green Gully Cavaliers , Keilor Park 2 Sydenham Park 0, Sunshine Heights 7 Keilor Wolves 0, St Albans Saints 2 Brimbank Stallions 3

Boys West 14 C: Bye Point Cook FC , Satellite City Utd Melton , Western Eagles 2 Werribee City 1, Williamstown Altona City

Boys West 15 A: Green Gully Cavaliers 2 Altona City 22, Sunshine George Cross 0 Keilor Park 3, Ballarat Academy of Soccer Geelong , GRFA 8 Brimbank City 0

Boys West 15 B: Altona City Sunshine George Cross , Brimbank Stallions 4 Green Gully Cavaliers 1, Hoppers Crossing 0 Werribee City 7, Keilor Park 2 Williamstown 3, Sydenham Park 3 North Lions 2

Boys West 16 A: North Geelong Warriors 0 Melbourne Knights 0, Sunshine George Cross 4 Westgate 0, Altona East Phoenix 1 Sydenham Park 1, Keilor Park 1 Green Gully Cavaliers 1, Sunshine Heights 2 Werribee City 5

Girls Central - North East - East 18: Boroondara Eagles 2 Diamond Valley Utd 2, Knox City 0 Whitehorse Utd 2 3, Whitehorse Utd 1 Bye , Yarra Jets Richmond

Girls North West 12 A: FC Bulleen Lions 0 Richmond 5, St Albans Saints Box Hill Inter , Banyule City Ashburton , Boroondara Eagles 1 Whitehorse Utd 0, Bundoora Utd Richmond

Girls North West 12 B: Keilor Park 4 Eltham Redback FC 1, Alphington 0 Pascoe Vale 3, Brunswick Zebras 0 Watsonia Heights 4, Kensington JGSC Diamond Valley Utd , Green Gully Cavaliers 1 Essendon Royals 1

Girls South East - South 18 : East Bentleigh 1 Bye , East Bentleigh 2 Brighton , Casey Comets 1 Hampton Park Utd 3, Langwarrin Springvale White Eagles

Girls South East 12 A: Berwick City Bye , Peninsula 4 Sherbrooke Rangers 0, Ringwood City 1 Sandringham 5, Brighton 4 North Caulfield 0

Girls South East 12 B: Sandringham 4 Brighton 1, Bye Glen Waverley , Waverley Victory 1 Aspendale 0, Casey Panthers 2 Bayside Knights 0

Girls West - North West - North 18: Ballarat & District 13 Hoppers Crossing 0, Brunswick Zebras 1 Pascoe Vale 2, Epping City 6 Gisborne 0, Keilor Park 3 Keilor Wolves 0, Bundoora Utd Sunbury Utd

Girls Central - North East - East 13-14 A: Croydon City Arrows 1 Malvern City 1, Ashburton 1 Boroondara Eagles 1, FC Clifton Hill 0 Boroondara Eagles 5, Oakleigh Cannons 0 FC Bulleen Lions 6

Girls Central - North East - East 13-14 B: Ashburton 1 1 Box Hill Inter 7, Knox City 2 South Melbourne 5,

Kensington JGSC Boroondara Eagles , Sherbrooke Rangers 2 Ashburton 2 0, FC Bulleen Lions 3 Glen Waverley 0, Croydon City Arrows 1 Eltham Redback FC 1

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16A: Sherbrooke Rangers 1 Whitehorse Utd 1, Boroondara Eagles 3 Croydon City Arrows 0, Kensington JGSC Mooroolbark , Doncaster Rovers 1 Knox City 2, FC Bulleen Lions 0 Ashburton 1

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 B: Ashburton 6 Nunawading City FC 0, Alphington 4 Box Hill Inter 0, Boroondara Eagles 1 6 Oakleigh Cannons 1, Boroondara Eagles 2 1 South Melbourne 1

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 C: Brandon Park 1 Oakleigh Cannons 0, Waverley Victory 3 FC Bulleen Lions 2, Watsonia Heights 0 Glen Waverley 0, DOC Utd 3 Greenvale Utd 4

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 D: South Yarra 0 Eltham Redback FC 5, Croydon City Arrows 0 Eastern Lions 2, Boronia 1 Yarra Jets 5

Girls South East - South 13-14 A: Bye Carrum Utd , Berwick City 0 Sandringham 2, Peninsula 1 Hampton 0, Brighton 6 North Caulfield 0

Girls South East - South 13-14 B: Sandringham 1 3 Southern Stars 0, Hampton 0 Sandringham 2 6, Mornington 2 Carrum Utd 1, Brighton 1 1 North Caulfield 3, Casey Panthers 1 Brighton 2 1

Girls South East - South 13-14 C: Glen Eira Endeavour Utd , Mornington 4 Sandringham 0, East Bentleigh Oakleigh Cannons , Berwick City 0 Rosebud 0, Seaford Utd 1 Langwarrin 4, Yarra Jets 1 White Star Dandenong 10

Girls South East - South 15-16 A: Bye Peninsula , Glen Eira Carrum Utd , Dandenong City 2 North Caulfield 1, Sandringham 3 Southern Stars 0, Baxter 2 Mornington 3

Girls South East - South 15-16 B: Noble Park 2 Carrum Utd 4, Sandringham 2 North Caulfield 3, Peninsula 11 Bayside Knights 1, Mornington 1 Langwarrin 9, Casey Panthers 2 Brighton 0

Girls West - North West - North 13-14 A: Brunswick Zebras 4 Pascoe Vale 0, Green Gully Cavaliers 1 Essendon Royals 2, Banyule City Keilor Park , Bundoora Utd Watsonia Heights , St Albans Saints Sunbury Utd

Girls West - North West - North 13-14 B: Cairnlea 0 Keilor Park 5, Brunswick Zebras 1 Sydenham Park 0, Yarra Jets 0 Diamond Valley Utd 3, Bundoora Utd Williamstown

Girls West - North West - North 15-16 A: Heidelberg Utd 1 Sydenham Park 7, Brunswick Zebras 2 Whittlesea Ranges FC 0, Werribee City 0 Essendon Royals 2, Banyule City Bundoora Utd , Keilor Park Bye

Girls West - North West - North 15-16 B: Bacchus Marsh 2 Sydenham Park 14, Cairnlea 1 Watsonia Heights 10, Whittlesea Utd Keilor Park , Bye Brimbank Stallions , Spring Hills 1 Brunswick Zebras 0, Essendon Royals 1 Altona City 5, North City Lions 1 Brimbank City 2

Central SSF Boys 11 Joeyes (Sun): FC Clifton Hill 4 Melbourne Lions 5, South Yarra 0 Alphington 6, Yarraville Glory Port Melbourne , Yarra Jets 1 Malvern City 2, Melbourne Athletic JFC 3 South Melbourne 3

Central SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun) : South Melbourne 2 4 FC Clifton Hill 3, Malvern City 8 South Yarra 3, Yarra Jets 0 South Melbourne 1 5, FC Demons Port Melbourne

East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes (Sat): Glen Waverley 1 Mooroolbark , Glen Waverley 3 1 Montrose 1, Knox City Croydon City Arrows , Boronia 8 Glen Waverley 2 3

East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes (Sun) : Oakleigh Cannons 6 Montrose 1, Oakleigh Cannons 5 Knox Utd 0, Eastern Lions 0 Oakleigh Cannons 5, Ringwood City Knox Utd , Waverley Victory 0 Croydon City Arrows 0

East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sat): Eastern Lions 6 Glen Waverley 1 2, Mooroolbark 1 4 Croydon City Arrows 1, Mooroolbark 2 1 Glen Waverley 2 2

East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun) : Oakleigh Cannons 1 0 Ringwood City 5, Eastern Lions 6 Glen Waverley 1, Brandon Park 5 Cardinia Utd 0, Knox Utd Oakleigh Cannons 2

East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeyes (Sun) : Monash City 2 Waverley Victory 2, Waverley Wanderers Oakleigh Cannons 1, Cardinia Utd Oakleigh Cannons 2

North East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes (Sun): Manningsham 1 6 Eltham North 2 1, Manningsham 2 1 Ashburton 2 2, Eltham North 3 Wonga Park Wizards JFC , DOC Utd 2 Eltham North 1 1, Ashburton 1 3 Ashburton 3 3

North East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Lime (Sat) : Ashburton 1 0 Nunawading City FC 5, Boroondara Eagles 5 Riversdale 0, Doncaster Rovers 1 0 Ashburton 2 5, Box Hill Inter 4 Doncaster Rovers 2 7, FC Bulleen Lions 6 Whitehorse Utd 2

North East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Red (Sat): Ashburton 1 2 Boroondara Eagles 2 2, Doncaster Rovers 6 Ashburton 2 2, Box Hill Inter 8 Whitehorse Utd 1 3, FC Bulleen Lions 1 1 Boroondara Eagles 1 1, FC Bulleen Lions 2 3 Whitehorse Utd 2 1

North East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun) : Ashburton 1 4 FC Bulleen Lions 20, Ashburton 2 5 Eltham North 2 1, Nunawading City FC 1 3 Eltham North 1 4, Nunawading City FC 2 3 FC Bulleen Lions 1 5, Manningsham 5 Ashburton 3 0

North East-Central SSF Boys 11 Joeyes (Sat): FC Demons Doncaster Rovers , Richmond 1 Bye , Riversdale 6 Ashburton 1, Whitehorse Utd 2 5 Richmond 2 0, Box Hill Inter 6 Whitehorse Utd 1 1, FC Bulleen Lions 1 Boroondara Eagles 1

North East-Central SSF Boys 11 Kang Blue (Sat): Richmond 1 6 Epping City 1, Boroondara Eagles 0 FC Bulleen Lions 1 5, Bye Ashburton , Doncaster Rovers 0 Richmond 2 3, Elwood City 1 FC Bulleen Lions 2 3

North East-Central SSF Boys 11 Kang Yellow (Sat): Riversdale Doncaster Rovers , Ashburton 2 Richmond 2 1, Richmond 1 Bye , Box Hill Inter 4 FC Bulleen Lions 2 0, Whitehorse Utd 2 FC Bulleen Lions 1 0

North East-East SSF Girls 11 Purple (Sun): Mooroolbark 0 Ringwood City 2, Croydon City Arrows 2 Boroondara Eagles 0, Ashburton 2 Ashburton 1

North SSF Boys 11 Joeyes (Sun): Lalor Utd 6 Banyule City 3, Northcote City 5 Whittlesea Ranges FC 1, Bundoora Utd 1 Watsonia Heights, Mitchell Rangers 5 Diamond Valley Utd 0

North SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun): Preston Lions 1 3 Banyule City 1, Whittlesea Ranges 2 5 Lalor 0, Epping City 2 Bundoora Utd 2 1, Northcote City 3 Whittlesea Ranges 1 1, Bundoora Utd 1 Preston Lions 2

North West SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Orange (Sun) : Essendon Royals Pascoe Vale 2 , Flemington Eagles 5 Brunswick City 0, Pascoe Vale 1 Fawkner , Oak Park

SC Sunbury Utd , Meadow Park Eagles Gisborne

North West SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Purple (Sun) : Brunswick City 4 Flemington Eagles 0, Essendon Royals 6 Light Utd 1, Moreland City Meadow Park Eagles , Pascoe Vale 5 Hume City 1, Brunswick Zebras 0 North City Lions 4

North West SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Red (Sun): Essendon Royals 6 North City Lions 1, Hume City Moreland Utd , Pascoe Vale 2 Light Utd 4, Sunbury Utd 4 Upfield 1

North West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Purple (Sun): Avondale Heights Melbourne Phoenix , Brunswick City Bye , Moreland City Essendon Royals , Moreland Utd 6 Brunswick Zebras 2 1, Brunswick Zebras 1 North City Lions

North West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Red (Sun): Essendon Royals 2 0 Keilor Wolves 5, Gisborne 1 Fawkner 6, Moreland City 2 Essendon Royals 1 2, Pascoe Vale 5 Brunswick Zebras 0, Upfield Light Utd

North West-North-Central SSF Girls 11 (Sun): Banyule City 2 Banyule City 1 , FC Clifton Hill 3 South Melbourne 1 2, Yarra Jets 0 Fawkner 7, Bye South Melbourne 2 , South Yarra 5 Essendon Royals 0, Kensington JGSC 5 Greenvale Utd 3

North-Central SSF Boys 11 Joeyes/Kangaroos (Sun) : South Melbourne Bye , Whittlesea Ranges FC 1 Bundoora Utd 1 6, Banyule City Bundoora Utd 2, Yarra Jets 1 FC Clifton Hill 6, Sporting Whittlesea 2 Watsonia Heights 1

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Blue (Sat): Glen Eira Beaumaris 2 , Sandringham City 0 Bayside Argonauts 3, Brighton 3 1 Beaumaris 1 5, Hampton 1 6 Brighton 1 2, Brighton 2 1 Hampton 2 1, Dandenong Warriors East Bentleigh

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Green (Sat): Sandringham City 10 Bayside Argonauts 5, Brighton 35 Sandringham City 2 0, Brighton 2 1 Beaumaris 1 6, Glen Eira 1 East Bentleigh , Glen Eira 2 Beaumaris 2 , Hampton 6 Brighton 1 1

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Green (Sun) : North Caulfield Brighton , Sandringham City 6 Bentleigh Greens 1, Southern Suburbs Bye , Brighton 1 North Caulfield 2, Aspendale 1 Sandringham City 6

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Orange (Sun): East Bentleigh Bye , North Caulfield 2 Brighton , Beaumaris 1 Bayside Knights 6, Sandringham City 2 Aspendale 1

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Yellow (Sun): East Bentleigh Bayside Knights , North Caulfield 2 Caulfield Cobras , Brighton 1 North Caulfield 1 1, Sandringham City 3 Hampton 2

South East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sat): Glen Eira Sandringham City 2 , Sandringham City 1 3 Brighton 2 2, Doveton 6 Brighton 1 4

South East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun) : Bentleigh Greens 0 North Caulfield 1 3, North Caulfield 2 Aspendale , Sandringham City 1 4 Hampton 0, Sandringham City 2 5 Bayside Knights 0

South East-Sth SSF Girls 11 Kang Purple (Sun): North Caulfield Mornington , Sandringham 1 2 Brighton 5, Sandringham 2 1 Beaumaris 2

South SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Blue (Sun): Endeavour Utd 5 Noble Park 2, Hampton Park Utd 7 Peninsula 1 2, Peninsula 2 1 Doveton 2, Berwick City 0 Mornington 2, Casey Panthers 5 Carrum Utd 0, Casey Comets Langwarrin

South SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Lime (Sun) : Langwarrin 2 Dandenong Thunder 2, Berwick City 1 1 Hampton Park Utd 6, Berwick City 2 5 South Springvale 2, Heatherton Utd 8 Peninsula 3, Casey Panthers Springvale White Eagles

South SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Blue (Sun): Berwick City 3 Dandenong Thunder 6, Carrum Utd 6 Langwarrin 2, South Eastern Piranhas 5 Southern Stars 0, Mornington 1 Peninsula 0, Casey Panthers 0 Springvale White Eagles 4

South SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Lime (Sun) : Berwick City 7 Endeavour Utd 2, Langwarrin 1 Keysborough 5, Mornington 2 Casey Comets 3, Carrum Utd 2 South Eastern Piranhas 2, Hampton Park Utd 6 South Springvale 3

South SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeyes (Sun) : Berwick City 1 5 James Cook FC 0, Peninsula 2 Mornington 1 3, Mornington 2 0 Doveton 7, Casey Comets 5 Langwarrin 0, Berwick City 2 4 South Springvale 5

West SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Green (Sun) : Green Gully Cavaliers 0 Cairnlea 1 4, Spring Hills 1 1 Hoppers Crossing 1, Bacchus Marsh 3 Melton 7, Point Cook FC Cairnlea 2 , Spring Hills 2 1 Altona East Phoenix 5

West SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Yellow (Sun) : Green Gully Cavaliers 3 Satellite City Utd 1, Cairnlea 2 Sydenham Park 4, Keilor Park 1 Barnstoenworth Utd 1, Point Cook FC 2 Werribee City 2, St Albans Saints Brimbank City

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Orange (Sun) : Altona Magic 1 Green Gully Cavaliers 2, Laverton Park Melbourne Knights , Sydenham Park 1 Sunshine George Cross 0, St Albans Saints 4 Hoppers Crossing 6, Sunshine Heights 0 Werribee City 4

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Yellow (Sun): Sunshine George Cross 5 Green Gully Cavaliers 1 0, Altona City Brimbank Stallions , Ballarat Academy of Soccer Keilor Park , Sunshine Heights 1 Spring Hills 1, Williamstown 4 Green Gully Cavaliers 2 2, Barnstoenworth Utd Altona East Phoenix

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeyes (Sun): Green Gully Cavaliers 2 0 Cairnlea 5, Altona City 2 Sunshine George Cross , Brimbank Stallions Altona City 1 , Keilor Park 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 1 5, Spring Hills 0 Williamstown 1, Point Cook FC Melbourne Knights

Boys 18 Central - Northern Blue P W D L F A PT

North Caulfield GRFA 6 5 0 1 20 8 15

Whittlesea Zebras 6 3 2 1 18 14 11

Bentleigh Greens 5 3 0 2 10 11 9

Malvern City 6 3 0 3 16 19 9

Melbourne Phoenix 5 3 0 2 11 14 9

Dandenong City 4 2 0 2 17 13 6

Brunswick Zebras 5 1 0 4 10 13 3

Fawkner 3 0 1 2 3 13 1

Springvale White Eagles 6 0 0 6 4 19 0

Boys 18 Central - Northern P W D L F A PT

South Melbourne 6 5 1 0 40 6 16

Whittlesea Ranges FC 5 4 1 0 11 3 13

Pascoe Vale 5 3 1 1 15 8 10

Sunshine George Cross 5 3 1 1 14 10 10

Carlton Youth 5 2 1 2 19 15 7

Northern Utd 5 2 1 2 12 9 7

Heidelberg Stars 5 2 0 3 19 17 6

Northcote City 5 1 0 4 11 21 3

Port Melbourne 5 0 0 5 7 16 0

Heidelberg Utd 6 1 0 5 2 45 0

Boys 18 Eastern- North-East P W D L F A PT

Sherbrooke Rangers 6 6 0 0 32 8 18

Doncaster Rovers 6 5 0 1 25 10 15

Manningham 6 4 0 2 28 9 12

Glen Waverley 6 4 0 2 16 12 10

DOC Utd 5 1 0 4 5 10 3

Whitehorse Utd 4 1 0 3 8 19 3

Ringwood City 6 0 1 5 8 26 1

Ashburton 5 0 1 4 8 32 1

Boys 18 Purple P W D L F A PT

South Melbourne 6 5 0 1 14 7 15

FC Bulleen Lions 5 4 1 0 14 7 13

Richmond 6 4 0 2 18 6 12

Sunshine George Cross 6 3 1 2 14 7 10

Dandenong Thunder 6 3 1 2 10 7 10

Green Gully Cavaliers 6 2 0 4 11 10 6

Heidelberg Utd 5 2 1 2 9 9 4

Altona Magic 6 1 1 4 7 16 4

Oakleigh Cannons 6 0 3 3 19 8 3

Northcote City 6 0 2 4 11 30 2

Boys 18 South-East - Eastern P W D L F A PT

Southern Suburbs 6 6 0 0 27 1 18

Riversdale 6 3 2 1 21 9 11

Oakleigh Cannons 5 3 2 0 14 7 11

Bentleigh Greens 6 3 1 2 18 8 10

Eastern Lions 6 3 1 2 19 13 10

Brighton 6 3 1 2 15 12 10

East Bentleigh 6 2 0 4 12 27 6

Manningham 5 1 1 3 12 10 4

FC Bulleen Lions 6 1 0 5 4 15 3

Bayside Argonauts 6 0 0 6 1 41 0

Boys 18 Southern P W D L F A PT

Frankston Pines 5 5 0 0 23 3 15

Casey Comets 5 5 0 0 12 2 15

South Eastern Piranhas 6 4 1 1 22 5 13

Bayside Knights 6 3 1 2 27 12 10

Endeavour Utd 6 3 0 3 21 11 9

Berwick City 6 3 0 3 12 12 9

Springvale City 5 2 0 3 12 14 6

Brandon Park 5 1 0 4 8 16 3

Peninsula 6 1 0 5 21 31 3

Baxter 6 0 0 6 4 56 0

Boys 18 Western - North-West P W D L F A PT

Ballarat & District 5 4 0 1 22 4 12

Essendon Royals 4 4 0 0 16 6 12

Keilor Park 5 3 1 1 18 6 10

Moreland City 5 3 0 2 11 8 9

Brimbank Stallions 6 3 0 3 11 18 9

Altona City 5 2 1 2 22 6 7

Brunswick City 6 2 0 4 13 21 6

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TSIGAN'S TSIGAR

With Mike Lilikakis

Tsigan Rolls One Up from the South Coast!

TSIGAN MACH 2010 cuppa Moon dial....

When someone says the words 'World Cup' - what springs to mind? Is it those sun-bleached images of the Brazil dream team of 1970, with Pele's brilliant near misses and Carlos Alberto's emphatic hit? Could it be that agonising semi-final against Germany in Italia '90, where missed penalties from Psycho and the Waddler caused a nation to join in Gazza's tears, and a billion pints of drown yer sorrow? Or maybe it's simply 1966. Geoff Hurts's left peg, a crossbar baa its in, nein es nacht, yes it is you KRAUT....And all that. Well, here at Tsigan F.C we aim to please yer bees knee whilst nibbling Nobby's nuts. Here's our top 10. Up the Kyber!

#10- PELE BURSTS ON THE SCENE

Pele, ten minutes after the restart scored a great goal when he trapped the ball with his chest, rounded his man, and volleyed the ball into the net. In the last minute scored his second goal. He started the move with a cheeky back-heel to Zagallo and then collected the winger's cross to head home Brazil's fifth. Brazil showed, even on slippery, wet surface more suited to European style of play, that they were superior. At the end Pelé was in tears. He had certainly enjoyed an outstanding competition and remains to this day the youngest ever winner of the World Cup. The 1958 World Cup was the best and friendliest so far. As if to symbolize the spirit of the tournament, the Brazilians did a lap of honour carrying a huge Swedish flag.

#9- LINEKEEERRRR -

Agree to disagree, but for us here at Tsigan F.C, 1982, England vs France, and Bryan Robson's 27 second wonder strike was a pinnacle in football history. France had a grouse team, whilst England had a bunch of heroes, not too dissimilar to the team they have today....but it was Robson's tears for fears which captivated the crowd and the football world; especially as he went on to make it a double with a fabulous header in the second half to bury Platini's ponces.

#8- Again, its an England theme, with Gary Lineker burying the critics back home in 1986 with a hat-trick against Poland. He may have been in free-scoring form for Everton having bagged 30 goals in the 1985/86 season, but it was in this game that he truly established himself as England's most potent goal threat when his hat-trick rescued Bobby Robson's side against Poland in the group stages. England had made a disastrous start to the tournament - losing 1-0 to Portugal before a goalless draw against Morocco in a game where Ray Wilkins was sent off and Bryan Robson dislocated his injured shoulder. The team were written off before their final must-win game against Poland but Lineker was revitalised in a changed team and ended his international scoring drought with three typical poacher's goals in the first half which sealed England's path into the next round, before being knocked out by Druggodona in the QF.

#7- Roger Milla and Higuita

1990 FIFA World Cup, and no goals were scored in normal time with the game moved into extra-time and 60 year old "supersub" Roger Milla sent his team through to the quarter-finals with two goals, particularly the second, when he cheekily stole the ball out from under the feet of walkabout on acid Colombian keeper René Higuita, slotting home one of the most talked about goals in history. Higuita was the new breed of goalkeeping morons, a crack of smack off the roids and into the role of 'keeper as there were already too many mullets roaming around the park. Roger Milla was the grandpa who needed a buckshot of spaz to make the 1990 World Cup something worth speaking about, because quite frankly, apart from the West Germany vs Holland game, this particular World Cup was as exciting as watching yer fat uncle eat spaghetti marinara.

#6- West Germany vs Holland 1990

Lets face it, the best two teams in the world, sharing a KNOCKOUT blow in what had to have been the dirtiest thing seen since Adolf thought it a grand idea to use Holland as a great platform to raid France from, in charming black and white 1940. Spitting, crippling, 10 man a side, barely holding a thread, and three of the BEST goals you would ever witness....

Andy Bremer's right foot curler to seal it was worthy of goal of the century...

#5- MARADONA CHEAT 1, 2, 3

Hrphm....Dope boy at his best. Scoring against the Greeks in 1994, and then snorting half a pound of Colombian manchika befor running off top the camera in slo mo and saying yucfnhjass-dfbjooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo..... seriously, dude, what the heel were you thinking? truth be known, right up there was his pass to Claudio Cannigia who creamed a side footer into the pidgeon for a smack ful of hoolapaloo. GooooooooooooooooooooooooooooL! His bloated body on top of a mountain of Montana, and other grouse runs in circles made him the most loved and hated dope fiend of the century.

#4- MARADONA '86

Let's face it, this tournament was his. From the tap against Italy, to the mad runs against Uruguay...his double against England to the double against Belgium... though he was held well by Matthaesus in the Final, he shirked him for 3 seconds and sent Valdano on his way to score and give the drug lord his world cup. What a waste. He could've at least given some back to charity the fat ****.

#3- ENGLAND '66

No matter how many ways you wanna look at it....The UK was THE BOMB place to be in '66. Metal just got credence in Birmingham, the Beatles ruled the world and Bobby Charlton's combover was all the rage. QE II was a good looking sort, and then there was Eusebio...Eusebio was simply a one-man-attack; speedy, skillful and powerful not too dependent of supply lines from midfield to be successful. He caused trouble for all defenders and was unstoppable in the Portuguese league where he scored more than a goal per game - 319 in 313 appearances. What has that to do with England? They wish they had him, and not Nobby Styles...

#2- Quarter Final Bridesmaids - BRAZIL DREAMTEAM vs PAOLO ROSSI '82 and FRANCE '86

Brazil had the best of the best for nearly 10 years. How they managed nothing more than QF appearances is beyond any quackie Fozzie psychologist. For the



Heads up! Schumacher rolls Battiston in 1982

Italians, teamcoach Enzo Bearzot gave Fevola....er I mean Rossi a last chance to impress in the deciding match against Brazil. In a memorable game where Brazil only needed a draw to reach the semifinal, Rossi scored a magnificent hat-trick, and Italy won 3-2. 4 years later, Brazil had a few more legends in the making, yet they met Platini's minions and in probably the best exhibition of football ever to be witnessed, Brazil went out on penalties. Viva le France ya Pacific blowing barsteads.

#1- SCHUMACHER BLITZKRIEG

On the field, Schumacher was an effective goalkeeper, and was one of the first keepers to master a one-armed throw that could propel the ball well into the opponents' half. It was 1982, France vs West Germany, and the French seemed destined to laugh their way to the bank being 3-1 up. Platini played an absolutely unbelievable through ball to Battiston, whilst Darth Schumacher thought it best to come out and pole axed him. It was a hip and shoulder that ANY RUGBY/AFL footy player would've creamed their dacks over. Afterwards, Battiston was prone, unmoving on

the pitch, with his two front teeth knocked out and damaged verterbrae. He received oxygen on the pitch. Michel Platini said later said that he thought that Battiston was dead, because "he had no pulse and looked pale". The Dutch referee Charles Corver, awarded a goal kick, since Battiston's shot had sailed wide of the goal and rolled out of play. The score ended up 3-3 after extra time, and Germany won the match on penalties, with Schumacher saving 2. MUAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA! Gotta love that Deutschland Uber Alles.

What, you don't reckon that should be number one? Mate, I modelled myself on him so fratz yer falafel and sink a fizzy bubblech. Gimme a call 1800BITEME and see what happens to ya, ya fairy! I'd stay in yer closet if I were you. If not, lets exchange togas.

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Matildas scale great wall of Asia Cup

The Westfield Matildas have produced a scintillating second half performance to beat Korea Republic 3-1 and ensure qualification to the semi-finals of the AFC Women's Asian Cup in Chengdu, China.

A second-half 15 minute flurry of goals in ensured Australia took out the Group B match with Kim Carroll, Lisa De Vanna and Sam Kerr all getting their names on the score sheet.

A late goal from Kang Sun Mi made for a tense finale to the match but resolute defending from a determined Westfield Matildas outfit meant the points, and semi-final qualification, remained theirs.

The Westfield Matildas embarked on their AFC Women's Asian Cup campaign with a 2-nil win over a spirited Vietnam at the Chengdu Sports Center Stadium in Chengdu, China on Wednesday.

Leena Khamis popped up to score the first with a header following a curling cross from Kylie Ledbrook.

Ledbrook later guaranteed the result with a spot kick, calmly slotting her first ever goal for

the Westfield Matildas after Tameka Butt was felled in the area.

"I'm satisfied with the win but thought we could have played better," said Westfield Matildas Head Coach Tom Sermanni.

"I think we've come to expect these tough games from teams like Vietnam, Thailand and Myanmar and to come through with a victory is quite a positive for us.

Sermanni expects even tougher matches against the Korea Republic and China, one of the reasons for holding back some of his more experienced campaigners from this match.

"When we play in these tournaments it is very important to use the squad as a whole instead of just relying on the same starting 11.

In Australia's final group game yesterday the Matildas succumb 1-0 to the host nation, China, in front of a large and pariochial crowd.

Goal! Weekly photographer Paul Lau is currently travelling with the Matildas and sent these shots from China on the weekend. Xie! Xie! to Paul.



The Matildas line up before their opening game against Vietnam. PHOTO: PAUL LAU



Kim Carroll steers her volley into the Korean net for the opening goal in the 2-1 win. PHOTO: PAUL LAU



The Matildas celebrate Kim's goal with Heather Carriock (7), who supplied the cross. PHOTO: PAUL LAU



The long and the short of it: Kate Gill stands her ground against Korea's Kim Soo Yun. PHOTO: PAUL LAU

Matilda Group Results

Australia 3
(Kim Carroll 51'; Lisa De Vanna 58'; Sam Kerr 64')
Korea Republic 1
(Kang Sun Mi 70')
Wednesday, 19 May 2010
Chengdu Sports Center Stadium, Chengdu, China
Referee: Sachiko YAMAGISHI
Assistant referees: Takahashi SAORI and Ayukai SHIHO

Australia starting line-up:
1.Melissa BARBIERI (gk) (c),
4.Clare POLKINGHORNE,
5.Lauren COLTHORPE,
6.Servet UZUNLAR, 7.Heather GARRIOCK, 11.Lisa DE VANNA (22.Sam KERR 63'), 12.Kate GILL, 14.Collette McCallum (15.Sally SHIPARD 78'), 16.Elise KELLOND-KNIGHT, 23.Kim Carroll, 31.Teigen ALLEN (9.Sarah WALSH 56')

Yellow cards: Melissa BARBIERI 74'; Kate GILL 88'
Red cards: Nil

Korea Republic starting line-up:
18.Kim Jung Mi (gk), 3.Yu Ji Eun, 6.Jeon GA Eul, 10.Ji SO Yun, 12.Choe Su Jin (15.Lee Jang Mi 59'), 13.Kim Do Yeon, 14.Kwon Hah Nul (7.Yoo Young A 78'), 20.Jung Hae In, 24.Cho So Hyun, 27.Kang Sun Mi, 28.Kim Soo Yun

Yellow cards: Nil
Red cards: Nil

Australia 2
(Leena KHAMIS 28'; Kylie LEDBROOK 52' (pen))
Vietnam 0
Wednesday, 19 May 2010
Chengdu Sports Center Stadium, Chengdu, China
Referee: Ri Hyang OK
Assistant referees: Hong Kum NYO and Liu Hsiu MEI

Australia starting line-up:
18.Lydia WILLIAMS (GK),
3.Karla REUTER, 5.Lauren COLTHORPE (31.Teigen ALLEN 64'), 6.Servet UZUNLAR (22.Sam KERR 53'), 10.Kylie LEDBROOK, 13.Thea SLATYER (c), 15.Sally SHIPARD, 17.Kyah SIMON, 19.Leena KHAMIS, 24.Tameka BUTT, 27.Aivi LUIK

Yellow cards: Nil
Red cards: Nil

Vietnam starting line-up:
1.TRINH (gk), 4.Nguywen Thi Hanh, 7.Nguyen Thi Nga, 8.Dao Thi Mien, 13.Nguyen Thi Muon (19.Oanh 76'), 14.Chi, 15.Anh, 16.Le Thi Thuong, 18.Nguyet, 23.Hong, 29.An

Yellow cards: Nil
Red cards: Nil



Blondes have more fun! Lisa De Vanna scores to make it 2-0 against Korea much to the keeper's disdain. PHOTO: PAUL LAU



Matilda Sally Shipard tries to come to grips with her Chinese opponent in the 0-1 loss in the final group game yesterday. PHOTO: PAUL LAU

Ashy tops, as Inter wins GF rematch

By Niki Cook

Round 7 of the Victorian Women's Premier League saw the first Grand Final rematch of the season, but in a departure from the normal order of things, neither of the teams involved occupies top spot on the WPL ladder. Ashburton has leapt to the top of the standings after two wins in quick succession, with Box Hill close behind after its victory over Heidelberg, while the spoils were shared between Preston and Altona.

The round began on Friday night at Wembley Park, with a rematch of last season's Grand Final, with Box Hill Inter once again coming out on top over Heidelberg United. The match, as expected, was a fairly even tussle, but Inter was the side that capitalised on its chances, and thus secured the three points. Inter enjoyed a slender one-goal lead at the interval, but added two more after the break to virtually secure the game. Aleksandra Sinclair, Anika Harris and Tal Karp were all on target for the home side, with Melanie Camilleri scoring a consolation for Heidelberg for the penalty spot to make the final score 3-1. While United has been a consistent challenger to Inter in the WPL for a number of seasons, it has always struggled at Wembley Park, and it has not registered a point at the ground for more than five seasons. The victory, Box Hill's fourth of the season, leaves it second on the ladder with fourteen points, with Heidelberg five points further back in fourth.

A point gained or two points lost? Both Altona City and Preston Lions may consider that question, after playing out a 0-0 draw at HC Kim Reserve on Sunday. With the two teams lying towards the bottom of the WPL ladder, both would have earmarked this as a potential win, but ultimately the points were shared. It has been a promising week for Altona after a horror start to the season, as it has picked up four points in its last two games. Preston, on the other hand, will have been glad to have arrested its run of defeats, having gone into the game on the back of successive losses. The draw means that, while both teams add a point to their tally for the season, neither moves on the ladder, with Preston sitting seventh, and Altona one point behind in eighth.

Ashburton backed up from its 2-1 triumph over Sandringham on Monday night with its fourth straight victory, defeating Casey Comets 3-2 at Ashburton Park on Sunday to maintain its position at the top of the ladder. Victory for the home side was by no means assured, as it had to overcome a first half deficit to claim the three points. Casey's Nicola Prins and Alexandra Gummer were both on target in the first half, to give the visitor a 2-1 half time lead. Ashburton was able to fight back in the second period, however, scoring twice without reply to secure the points. Ellvana Curo, Gulcan Koca and Christina Leland were the scorers for the home team. Ashburton moved to the top of the ladder courtesy of its victory over Sandringham, and it is a position that it continues to occupy, sitting one point clear of Box Hill. Casey, after its third defeat of a mixed season, remains sixth.

The final match of the round saw Sandringham play its second consecutive Monday night match, taking on bottom side South Melbourne at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex. The result will follow in next week's



Christine Pfeiffer (Ashburton) beats Laura Croft (Casey Comets) to the ball, but her glancing header goes wide. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON



Going down ... Chloe Drinoczky (left) of Ashburton takes Lisa Cloke (Casey Comets) with her to the ground- PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

WPL RESULTS

Box Hill Inter 3
(A Sinclair A Harris T Karp)
Heidelberg Utd 1 (M Camilleri)

Altona City 0
Preston Lions 0

Ashburton 3
(E Curo G Koca C Leland)
Casey Comets 2
(A Gummer NJ Prins)

Reserves: Altona City 4 Preston Lions 1, Ashburton 2 Casey Comets 1

WPL NEXT ROUND

Bendigo Vipers v Casey Comets
Epsom Huntly Recreational Reserve
Sat 29 May KO 3:00PM

Preston Lions v Box Hill Inter
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 30 May KO 1:00PM

Altona City v Sandringham
HC Kim Reserve
Sun 30 May KO 1:00PM

Heidelberg Utd v Ashburton
Olympic Village
Mon 31 May KO 8:30PM

Bye v South Melbourne Womens

WPL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ashburton	6	5	0	1	20	8	15
Box Hill Inter	6	4	2	0	14	2	14
Sandringham	6	3	2	1	9	7	11
Heidelberg Utd	5	3	0	2	11	6	9
Bendigo Vipers	5	2	1	2	4	6	7
Casey Comets	5	2	0	3	7	8	6
Preston Lions	6	1	2	3	6	14	5
Altona City	6	1	1	4	3	12	4
South Melbourne	5	0	0	5	2	13	0

WPL RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ashburton	6	5	1	0	26	5	16
Sandringham	6	3	1	2	10	10	10
BASL	5	3	0	2	8	15	9
Heidelberg Utd	4	2	2	0	7	4	8
South Melbourne	5	2	1	2	10	7	7
Box Hill Inter	5	2	1	2	9	7	7
Casey Comets	5	2	1	2	7	5	7
Altona City	6	1	0	5	7	18	3
Preston Lions	6	0	1	5	3	16	1

article.
Round 8 of the WPL begins on Saturday afternoon at Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve, as Casey Comets makes the long trip to take on Bendigo Vipers. With only one place and one point separating the sides on the ladder, it is shaping up as a crucial game, if either team is to have any realistic chances of making the finals. On Sunday afternoon Preston Lions hosts Box Hill Inter at BT Connor Reserve, whilst across the city at HC Kim Reserve, Altona City meets Sandringham. The round again features Monday night action, but this week it is at Olympic Village, with Heidelberg United facing league leader Ashburton, in what should be another entertaining clash. South Melbourne has the bye.

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Malvern causes another upset

By Aritro Abedin

Round seven of the State League Division One saw Whittlesea notch up yet another win to maintain their one point lead at the top of the table, while unpredictable Malvern City produced a surprise win over Fawknr to create a buffer between them and the clubs at the bottom.

North Geelong Warriors 3 vs Western Suburbs 0

The Warriors comfortably dealt with the nine man Western Suburbs in a game which was marred by indiscipline from the visitors. A series of shirt-tugging incidents and tackles from behind by two of the Western Suburbs players saw the referee go to his book four times within the first 25 minutes, eventually sending off both with more than two thirds of the game left to play. The Warriors were ruthless in exploiting the man-advantage, with Daniel Dragicevic’s half-volley breaking the home side’s resolve, before a flick-on from gun teenager Matthew Demo set up Robert Zadworny’s finish. Demo then capped off an excellent performance with an 80th minute goal to give his side an easy three points. Warriors coach was pleased with the result, but refused to get too carried away about the teenager’s form. ‘He’s been good but he’s got a lot to learn. He just needs to play more games and become consistent.’

Bulleen Lions 2 vs Clifton Hill 0

The Lions bounced back from last week’s loss against Fawknr with a clinical performance against Clifton Hill at the Veneto Club on Saturday. It was a tight encounter with both sides keeping possession and adopting a patient approach, but a stunning piece of skill from Adrian Del Monaco broke the deadlock in the 18th minute as he controlled a ball on his thigh before firing it into the back of the net. The Lions then doubled their advantage, with Anthony Ramzy being fouled inside the box and Anthony Magnacca making no mistake with the resulting spot-kick. ‘It was an even sort of game, they played well and did a very good job of keeping possession,’ said Lions assistant Nick Crivelli. ‘But we did the job in the end, and we’re very pleased.’ The Lions lack of experience has seen them drop points in a couple of tough encounters this season, but this result will bring a very welcome three points to a side that has a very genuine claim to being title challengers.

Malvern City 2 vs Fawknr Blues 0

Pat Liapis’ gritty Malvern City side sprung another upset on better credentialed opposition, as they dealt with high flying Fawknr at Kingston Heath on Saturday. The Blues were kept at bay in the first half

by the home side as Malvern exercised the patient defending that has become a hallmark of their play this season, and the two teams went into the break with the score deadlocked. However, City came out all guns blazing in the second half, dominating possession and carving out a number of excellent chances. They were eventually rewarded for their efforts as a long-ball caught the Blues defence napping, and George Kotsiris was on hand to latch onto the opportunity to put Malvern City in front in the 60th minute. Simon Broome then followed up only a few minutes later with his side’s second goal to round off a deeply satisfying victory for the home side. ‘It was a good all round performance,’ said Pat Liapis later. ‘Fawknr have the best forwards in the comp, but they can be a bit weak with their defence and we wanted to take advantage of it.’ Results have been up and down for Malvern this season, but Liapis is confident that his side are starting to develop the cohesion that he is looking for. ‘Teams do have to gel, and for the last seven weeks we’ve been gelling. We’ve come up from state two so it takes time, but I think we’re really starting gel now.’

St.Albans Saints 2 vs Pascoe Vale 2

Pascoe Vale’s display of fluent passing and attacking play was not enough to overcome a St.Albans side who dug in to snare a point in an entertaining match at Churchill Reserve on Sunday afternoon. Pascoe Vale started the game brightly and they were rewarded for their attacking endeavour as a botched clearance allowed sharp-shooter Liam Flynn to open the scoring in the 7th minute. The Englishman then completed his brace 10 minutes before half time to put his side 2-0 ahead. However the Pascoe Vale defence’s failure to deal with the Saints’ aerial onslaught saw Goran Jozeljic pull one back for the home side right on the half-time break. In the second half Pascoe Vale created a number of opportunities to go further ahead with some crisp passing play, but they were eventually punished for their wastefulness in front of goal as another long ball saw Goran Jozeljic snatch an equalizer for St.Albans. George Karaketsis voiced mixed feelings about the result. ‘Look, to be honest the boys were a bit disappointed with the result because coming off two losses in a row, I suppose we were really looking for the three points. But a draw away to St.Albans is a pretty good result. We actually had a few chances after we went up 2-1, and we probably could have made it 3-1 but we just didn’t take our chances. But I suppose it was a fair result in the end, because that’s the way St.Albans play, they dig deep and defend well.’



Malvern City's Simon Groom has an extra pair of arms to help him celebrate his first goal against Fawknr. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON



Two goal hero, Goran Jozeljic, helped Saint Albans Saints share the spoils in a 2-2 draw with Pascoe Vale. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK



Malvern City's Richard Swingler seeps past Robert Dolevski (Fawknr) PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

SL1 RESULTS

North Geelong Warriors 3 (M Demo D Dragicevic R Zadworny) Western Suburbs 0
Malvern City 2 (G Kotsiris S Groom) Fawknr Blues 0
FC Bulleen Lions 2 (A Magnacca) FC Clifton Hill 0
Preston Lions 1 Whittlesea Zebras 3
St Albans Saints 2 (G Jozeljic 2) Pascoe Vale 2 (L Flynn 2)
Under 21s: North Geelong Warriors 2 Western Suburbs 0, Malvern City 4 Fawknr Blues 0, FC Bulleen Lions 8 FC Clifton Hill 1, Preston Lions 2 Whittlesea Zebras 5, St Albans Saints 5 Pascoe Vale 1

SL1 NEXT ROUND

Round 9 Fawknr Blues v Nth Geelong Warriors <i>CB Smith Reserve</i> <i>Sat 29 May KO 3:00PM</i>
FC Clifton Hill v Malvern City <i>Kevin Bartlett Reserve</i> <i>Sat 29 May KO 3:00PM</i>
Langwarrin v FC Bulleen Lions <i>Lawton Park Reserve</i> <i>Sat 29 May KO 3:00PM</i>
Pascoe Vale v Springvale White Eagles <i>Hosken Reserve</i> <i>Sat 29 May KO 3:00PM</i>
Whittlesea Zebras v St Albans Saints <i>Epping Soccer Stadium</i> <i>Sun 30 May KO 3:00PM</i>
Western Suburbs v Preston Lions <i>Ralph Reserve</i> <i>Sun 30 May KO 3:00PM</i>

SL1 LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Whittlesea Zebras	7	5	0	2	13	7	15
FC Bulleen Lions	7	4	2	1	15	3	14
Springvale White E	6	3	2	1	11	7	11
Western Suburbs	7	3	2	2	11	10	11
Fawknr Blues	7	3	2	2	9	10	11
Langwarrin	6	3	1	2	13	9	10
Pascoe Vale	7	3	1	3	8	11	10
Nth Geelong Warriors	6	2	3	1	9	5	9
St Albans Saints	7	2	5	0	16	12	8
Malvern City	6	2	0	4	5	12	6
FC Clifton Hill	7	1	0	6	7	15	3
Preston Lions	7	0	0	7	4	20	0

SL1 U21 LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Bulleen Lions	7	5	2	0	19	6	17
Nth Geelong Warriors	6	4	2	0	10	3	14
Langwarrin	6	4	1	1	9	4	13
St Albans Saints	7	4	1	2	17	11	10
Western Suburbs	7	3	1	3	14	17	10
Pascoe Vale	7	3	0	4	16	14	9
Whittlesea Zebras	7	2	3	2	11	10	9
Springvale White E	6	2	1	3	7	8	7
Malvern City	6	2	1	3	11	15	7
Fawknr Blues	7	1	2	4	4	11	5
Preston Lions	7	1	1	5	10	17	4
FC Clifton Hill	7	1	1	5	6	18	4

All matches to be played on Saturday 29th May with 3pm KO unless otherwise stated.

State NW 2
Port Melbourne v Altona City
SS Anderson Reserve Fri 28 May KO 8:30PM
Altona East Phoenix v Whittlesea Ranges
Paisley Park
Ballarat Red Devils v Werribee City
Trekardo Park
Brunswick City v Williamstown
Dunstan Reserve
Moreland City v Banyule City
Campbell Reserve
Sydenham Park v Geelong Rangers
Keilor Lodge Reserve

State SE 2
Doncaster Rovers v Southern Stars
Anderson Park Fri 28 May KO 8:30PM
Frankston Pines v Eastern Lions
Monterey Reserve
Casey Comets v Berwick City
Comets Stadium
Diamond Valley Utd v Dandenong City
Partington Flats
Knox City v Heatherton Utd
Egan Lee Reserve
Morwell Pegasus v Southern Suburbs
Ronald Reserve

State NW 3
Geelong v Maribyrnong Greens
Stead Park Reserve Fri 28 May KO 8:30PM
Cairnlea v Hume Utd
Cairnlea Park
Lalor v Essendon Utd
RGC Cook Reserve
Sunbury Utd v Melb University Rangers
SC Langama Park
Yarraville Glory v Keilor Park
Mclvor Reserve
Westgate v La Trobe University
Ardeer Reserve Sat 29 May KO 7:00PM

State SE 3
Brandon Park v Mornington
Freeway Reserve
Noble Park Utd v Croydon City Arrows
Parkfield Reserve
Nunawading City FC v South Springvale
Mahoneys Road Reserve
Waverley Wanderers v Peninsula Strikers
Carlson Ave Reserve
Springvale City v Fitzroy City
Ross Reserve
Kingston City v North Caulfield
The Grange Reserve Mon 31 May KO 8:30PM

Provi NW 1
Avondale Heights v Elwood City
Doyle Street Reserve
FC Strathmore v Melbourne City
Strathnaver Reserve
Laverton Park SC v Corio
Laverton Park Reserve
North City Lions v North Sunshine Eagles
Wallace Reserve
South Yarra v Whittlesea Utd
Fawkner Park (Northern Pavilion)
Westvale v Northern Falcons
McKechnie Reserve

Provi SE 1
Beaumaris v Monbulk
Beaumaris Reserve
Doveton v Warragul Utd
Waratah Reserve
Mooroolbark v Boroondara Eagles
Esther Park Reserve
Old Camberwell Gramm v Dandenong Sparrows
Deepdene Park
Sandringham City v Old Melbourne
RJ Sillitoe Reserve
Old Scotch v Monash University
H.A. Smith Reserve

Provi NW 2
Bell Park v Moreland Utd
Bell Park Sports Club
Epping City v Collingwood City
Duffy Street Reserve
Hoppers Crossing v Lalor Utd
Grange Reserve
Melbourne Tornado v Plenty Valley Lions
Newmarket Reserve
West Preston v Western Eagles
Oulton Reserve
Surf Coast v Melton
Quay Reserve

Provi SE 2
Riversdale v Bayside Argonauts
Frog Hollow Reserve
Ashburton v Lyndale Utd
Ashburton Park
Berwick Kings v Caulfield Cobras
Betula Park
Endeavour Utd v Skye Utd
Reema Reserve
Whitehorse Utd v Old Carey
Terrara Park
Uni. Of Melb Blues v Old Brighton Grammarians
Princes Park (Parkville)

Provi NW 3
Balmoral v Brunswick Zebras
Arthur Beachley Reserve
Brimbank Stallions v Watsonia Heights
Club Italia Sporting Club
Darebin Utd v Youth Utd
Mayer Park
Meadow Park Eagles v Northern Roosters
Gladstone Park Reserve
Keilor Wolves v Bundoora Utd
Green Gully Reserve
Upfield v Mill Park
Gibb Reserve

Provi SE 3
Keysborough v East Bentleigh
Coomoora Reserve
Noble Park v Rowville Eagles
Norman Luth Reserve
White Star Dandenong v Old Trinity Grammarians
Greaves Reserve
Brighton v Essendon Royals
Dendly Park
Glen Waverley FC v Seaford Utd
Glen Waverley North Reserve
Eltham Redbacks v Manningham
Eltham North Reserve Sat 29 May KO 7:00PM

Seniors	STATE NORTH WEST 2	Reserves
Whittlesea Ranges 1 (SR Carr) Brunswick City 0, Altona City 1 Sydenham Park 2 (A Jovicic), Banyule City 2 (A Bakri) Altona East Phoenix 2, Geelong Rangers 1 Moreland City 3, Werribee City 0 Port Melbourne 0, Williamstown 1 Ballarat Red Devils 0	Whittlesea Ranges 5 Brunswick City 1, Altona City Sydenham Park , Banyule City 2 Altona East Phoenix 1, Geelong Rangers 0 Moreland City 2, Werribee City 5 Port Melbourne 1, Williamstown 1 Ballarat Red Devils 2	
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Port Melbourne752013417	Whittlesea Ranges761021719	
Whittlesea Ranges751115916	Moreland City7502181415	
Werribee City74219514	Ballarat Red Devils7502161215	
Williamstown74218414	Altona City641110513	
Brunswick City741229513	Port Melbourne741211913	
Altona East Phoenix72321399	Brunswick City7313151410	
Moreland City730414149	Werribee City730415139	
Altona City722311138	Banyule City7223868	
Geelong Rangers72057176	Sydenham Park620447136	
Banyule City71249125	Williamstown71155124	
Sydenham Park71154124	Geelong Rangers71155194	
Ballarat Red Devils70255132	Altona East Phoenix71065123	

Seniors	STATE NORTH WEST 3	Reserves
Hume Utd 0 Lalor 3 (C Anastasiou D Christou 2), Keilor Park 2 (S Mussel B Malaga) Geelong 2 (N Bosevski B Elmazi), La Trobe University 2 (S Colaluca D Mitric) Yarraville Glory 1, Maribymong Greens 1 Sunbury Utd 4 (V Ilerardo S O'Callaghan Z Romanovski AR Johnson), Melbourne University 1 (E Ameti) Cairnlea 3 (F Tijani V Osmanovic), Essendon Utd 3 Westgate 2	Hume Utd 5 Lalor 2, Keilor Park 1 Geelong 4, La Trobe University 3 Yarraville Glory 0, Maribymong Greens 3 Sunbury Utd 3, Melbourne University 1 Cairnlea 2, Essendon Utd 2 Westgate 1	
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Geelong7421151114	Sunbury Utd7610231019	
Hume Utd741213913	Cairnlea7421211414	
Keilor Park733110712	La Trobe University7331221412	
Yarraville Glory7322141011	Keilor Park7403201612	
La Trobe University7322141311	Hume Utd7313282210	
Sunbury Utd7322131211	Melbourne University730417149	
Westgate723211999	Lalor723215179	
Lalor715111108	Essendon Utd722312198	
Melbourne University713312126	Geelong722312238	
Cairnlea720512146	Yarraville Glory721414177	
Essendon Utd71249185	Maribymong Greens723216206	
Maribymong Greens72146154	Westgate700710240	

Seniors	PROVI 1 NORTH WEST	Reserves
Corio 1 (J Jovanovic) Avondale Heights 3 (M Jancic A Sacchetta D Cooke), Elwood City 0 North City Lions 0, Melbourne City 1 (L Malik) Laverton Park 4 (J Cardonne 2 R Rossi R Castro), North Sunshine Eagles 2 (B Holod) Westvale 1 (A Napolitano), Northern Falcons 1 (M Vizzini) South Yarra 1 (R Holder), Whittlesea Utd 4 (M Mifsud J Barrientos 2 F Tranchitella) FC Strathmore 3 (J Filipovic D Peric 2)	Corio 2 Avondale Heights 1, Melbourne City 0 Laverton Park 1, North Sunshine Eagles 0 Westvale 2, Northern Falcons 0 South Yarra 1, Whittlesea Utd 3 FC Strathmore 3	
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Elwood City70344133	Melbourne City71068333	
North City Lions70163141	Northern Falcons7016619-2	

Seniors	PROVI 2 NORTH WEST	Reserves
Collingwood City 1 Melbourne Tornado 1, Lalor Utd 2 Bell Park 5, Moreland Utd 0 Surf Coast 1 (BP Bunce), Plenty Valley Lions 0 West Preston 1 (WJ Sismanis), Western Eagles 2 (R Chelchowsky 2) Hoppers Crossing 1 (A Smart)	Collingwood City 2 Melbourne Tornado 2, Lalor Utd 2 Bell Park 1, Melton 4 Epping City 1, Moreland Utd 1 Surf Coast 0, Plenty Valley Lions 4 West Preston 1, Western Eagles 2 Hoppers Crossing 4	
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Epping City6312121210	Moreland Utd7412131010	
Hoppers Crossing730411149	Surf Coast730412119	
Melton622211108	Melton723212119	
Bell Park720515165	Epping City721416167	
Melbourne Tornado712410145	Bell Park72149137	
Lalor Utd71159204	Western Eagles70255142	
Collingwood City70257202	Melbourne Tornado70259232	

Seniors	PROVI 3 NORTH WEST	Reserves
Mill Park 0 Balmoral 3, Watsonia Heights 1 (C Kandi) Darebin Utd 2 (J Nikolarakos C Tsalkos), Youth Utd 4 (M Yuksel S Balta) Keilor Wolves 0, Brunswick Zebras 0 Meadow Park Eagles 3 (D Magro B Staines 2), Bundoora Utd 1 Upfield 3, Northern Roosters 2 Brimbank Stallions 1	Mill Park 0 Balmoral 3, Watsonia Heights 0 Darebin Utd 1, Youth Utd 8 Keilor Wolves 2, Brunswick Zebras 1 Meadow Park Eagles 0, Bundoora Utd 0 Upfield 5, Northern Roosters 1 Brimbank Stallions 3	
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Keilor Wolves71246205	Northern Roosters703411193	
Bundoora Utd70168201	Mill Park70166321	

Seniors	STATE SOUTH EAST 2	Reserves
Eastern Lions 0 Diamond Valley Utd 2 (A Savage), Berwick City 1 Morwell Pegasus 4 (F Albanese 4), Dandenong City 2 (Z Tudor A Pejic) Doncaster Rovers 0, Southern Stars 2 (C McDonald) Casey Comets 0, Heatherton Utd 1 Frankston Pines 2, Southern Suburbs 1 (K Olabuntu) Knox City 4 (M Evans)	Eastern Lions 1 Diamond Valley Utd 1, Berwick City 4 Morwell Pegasus 3, Dandenong City 2 Doncaster Rovers 1, Southern Stars 2 Casey Comets 1, Heatherton Utd 1 Frankston Pines 1, Southern Suburbs 1 Knox City 3	
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Diamond Valley Utd7511161116	Southern Stars750225915	
Morwell Pegasus7502191115	Diamond Valley Utd7412201013	
Dandenong City73229611	Casey Comets741211713	
Knox City7322111011	Berwick City6402121112	
Casey Comets7322111011	Dandenong City7403131512	
Heatherton Utd7232779	Eastern Lions7313121110	
Doncaster Rovers72147107	Heatherton Utd73139910	
Frankston Pines7214697	Frankston Pines721410157	
Eastern Lions71249145	Southern Suburbs61148154	
Berwick City60242102	Doncaster Rovers71068183	
Southern Suburbs60157161	Morwell Pegasus710613373	

Seniors	STATE SOUTH EAST 3	Reserves
Croydon City Arrows 0 Nunawading City FC 1 (J Busch), Fitzroy City 4 (Z Ninkovic HF Wootton N Jones C Rachkovski) Brandon Park 2 (A Bibi Own Goal), Peninsula Strikers 0 Kingston City 0, South Springvale 3 (A Karanickolas 2 K Athiu) Springvale City 0, Mornington 4 (C Leopold 2 N Waite JR Paterson) Waverley Wanderers 0, North Caulfield 1 Noble Park Utd 3	Croydon City Arrows 1 Nunawading City FC 1, Fitzroy City 1 Brandon Park 1, Peninsula Strikers 2 Kingston City 2, South Springvale 1 Springvale City 1, Mornington 2 Waverley Wanderers 2, North Caulfield 2 Noble Park Utd 3	
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Seniors	PROVI 1 SOUTH EAST	Reserves
Warragul Utd 6 (S Byers 3 P Cooper 2) Beaumaris 0, Boroondara Eagles 1 Sandringham City 2, Dandenong Sparrows 5 Doveton 1, Mooroolbark 3 (Y Christoforou B Adams K Coe) Monash University 5 (L Davis R Nation 2 M Solovyev), Monbulk 2 (J Kennedy M Rivera) Old Scotch 2 (J Beamish), Old Melbourne 4 Old Camberwell Grammar 0	Warragul Utd 2 Beaumaris 2, Boroondara Eagles 6 Sandringham City 5, Dandenong Sparrows 1 Doveton 1, Mooroolbark 1 Monash University 0, Monbulk 0 Old Scotch 1, Old Melbourne 2 Old Camberwell Grammar 1	
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Dandenong Sparrows7412181213	Monash University750216815	
Old Camberwell Grammar7403131712	Monbulk74038712	
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Warragul Utd7241211110	Doveton7322131411	
Mooroolbark723212129	Mooroolbark731310710	
Monbulk723212129	Old Camberwell Grammar73138610	
Sandringham City723212129	Old Scotch731381110	
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Beaumaris71243165	Sandringham City711512174	
Boroondara Eagles61148144	Warragul Utd704311164	

Seniors	PROVI 2 SOUTH EAST	Reserves
Skye Utd 2 (A Busuttill) Uni. of Melbourne 1, Caulfield Cobras 0 Ashburton 2, Lyndale Utd 2 (P Hanna R Heco) Riversdale 1 (R Halliday), Old Carey 0 Endeavour Utd 2, Old Brighton Grammarians 4 Berwick Kings 2, Bayside Argonauts 0 Whitehorse Utd 2 (L Marrone 2)	Skye Utd 1 Uni. of Melbourne 4, Caulfield Utd 3 Ashburton 2, Lyndale Utd 2 Riversdale 5, Old Carey 3 Endeavour Utd 3, Old Brighton Grammarians 1 Berwick Kings 1, Bayside Argonauts 1 Whitehorse Utd 0	
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Old Carey7205486	Endeavour Utd71157134	
Caulfield Cobras712410165	Skye Utd711512214	

Seniors	PROVI 3 SOUTH EAST	Reserves
East Bentleigh 1 Eltham Redbacks 2 (J Buhagiar), Manningham 3 Glen Waverley 3, Essendon Royals 1 (D Costabile) Keysborough 2 (GS Gallardo), Old Trinity Grammarians 4 (A Hallam 2 B Jackson J Yin) Noble Park 1 (M Terzic), Rowville Eagles 2 Brighton 1, Seaford Utd 2 White Star Dandenong 2	East Bentleigh 0 Eltham Redbacks 1, Manningham 1 Glen Waverley 2, Essendon Royals 1 Keysborough 1, Old Trinity Grammarians 4 Noble Park 0, Rowville Eagles 0 Brighton 0, Seaford Utd 2 White Star Dandenong 2	
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Brighton74129713	Seaford Utd751117916	
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Round 4

PREMIERSHIP

Fitzroy boys to the fore!

By Adam Hussein

Fitzroy FC 5 vs. 2 Albert Park

The opening match of the night saw Fitzroy take on a resilient Albert Park FC. Fitzroy started slowly for the second week in a row and found them a goal down after Minja Savic (APFC) scrapped on the edge of the 'D' and poked home from close range. His next contribution was just as dramatic, fouling and receiving a yellow card, then proceeding to persistently remonstrating with the referee receiving a second yellow for dissent and he was off. Fitzroy were awarded a fifth foul penalty late in the first half, Alor's shot was saved but Minopolous followed up cleverly tucking home for 1-1 at the break. Fitzroy ran riot again in a 5 minute spell in the second half scoring three times and putting Albert Park to the sword. Some clumsy defending by Pollatti (FFC) saw Rashidi nip in and stem the tide with Albert Park's second goal but it was a mere consolation. Fitzroy showing resolute defending and holding out for a solid 5-2 victory.



A young Fitzroy outfit remain undefeated

scored solitary goals to help the hammers cause but it was too little too late. Mickleham looked the goods with their full strength squad, Metropolitan's class and experience saw them seal all three points.

FC Essendon 6 vs. 6 Brimbank FC

2009 Champions FC Essendon took on newcomers Brimbank in the prime time clash of the night. Three time leading goal kicker Alexander Stevanovic scored four for Essendon, while Vadim Mazursky scored three for Brimbank as both tried to help their side to victory. The game was a to and fro battle early on, a goal for goal contest that could not separate the two. They went into the break 3-3 and looked ready to rumble in the second half. A couple of Igor Stevanovic's famous 'toe pokers' looked to put Brimbank to the sword, but Brimbank had Emir Ameti (2 goals) & Adis Kablar (1 goal) to thank who equalised with only minutes to go. Both sides would be disappointed to not take all three points on a night where the top 3 sides are starting to pull away a little at the top of the table.

FC Prahran 9 vs. 5 Ashburton FC

The last time these two sides played Prahran won 10-9 in an old fashioned goal frenzy as Ashburton were keeperless & Prahran were in the mood. Prahran were on cloud nine after beating North Melbourne last week and looked to consolidate back to back wins. They started on the back foot as Diego Assaeda let rip from distance and buried the ball into

the bottom corner for Ashburton. It was the wake up call Prahran needed as Sanjin Lazetic & Clint Mogoai were only breached by some timid shots by Minh Nguyen & fine interplay between Akal Abdullatif & Dimitri Vithoulkas. Ahmed Muktar was in red hot form waltzing past the entire snoozing Ashburton side no less then four times and even dribbling Rudi Prosic in the Ashburton goal. Luciano Bessa, Ashburton's last minute winner against Pascoe Vale was only half fit but did well when he was on. Ashburton are really missing Manny Karas & Ahmed Azzam. Haider Noor was quiet for Prahran after his scintillating performance last week.



FC Prahran's shot-stopper Shekanov (right) ready for an Ashburton attack

FC Carlton 1 vs. 9 Pascoe Vale FC

Unexpectedly this season FC Carlton have been the side that have struggled to impress, sitting on 0 wins & 3 losses, they find themselves rock bottom on the ladder and faced a tough task taking on the champions Pascoe Vale FC. Carlton huffed and puffed in the first 20 minutes and put up a brave resistance, but it was only a matter of time before Grgic, Simsek & Barbosa were on the scoresheet. Carlton had some new faces to freshen things up and bring some life to the ailing squad, Con Stavrakas, Mo Aivaz & Farah Inaya put in respectable shifts but was outclassed by the mesmerising Pascoe Vale who pulled away with ease scoring 6 goals in the second half. Simsek even managed a laugh with compatriot Barbosa leading 6-1. Arash Mohammadi scored a small consolation for Carlton but they need to get there act together and fast if they want to survive in this year's premiership.

Hume FC 1 vs 6 North Melb FC

Froth was pouring at the Victoria street stadium as State League Champions Hume took on a wounded North Melbourne that had lost the week before. North coach Milton Sakkos took no chances re-calling Barrientos, Pedic, Alinejad & Melo. Hume looked disjointed, shooting regularly from distance and tight angles, and whenever they found themselves in good scoring positions they found North Melbourne Goalkeeper Dianoosh Rasoulzadeh in fine form. Nedjet Sahin, Tankir & Kedad all missed glorious opportunities in the first 5 minutes. North meant business, there was little show boating, plenty of movement, and brilliant team play, in a game where De Moraes was fairly quiet but managed to snag goal of the week with a pearler, Melo had two goals, Barrientos, Pedic & Alinejad all had solitary goals. North was ruthless and taught Hume many a lesson in back post finishing, forward runs and positioning. The State League champions did hit the upright twice and the cross bar once but didn't look like getting back into the contest and will be in search for another three points next week.

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1 Fitzroy FC	4	4	0	0	23	12	11	12
2 Nth Melbourne FC	4	3	0	1	24	10	14	9
3 Pascoe Vale FC	4	3	0	1	24	13	11	9
4 Metropolitan FC	4	2	1	1	13	26	10	7
5 FC Prahran	4	2	1	1	25	20	5	7
6 FC Essendon	4	2	1	1	16	14	2	7
7 Ashburton FC	4	2	0	2	21	20	1	6
8 Brimbank FC	4	1	1	2	20	23	-3	4
9 Albert Park FC	4	1	0	3	15	17	-2	3
10 Hume FC	4	1	0	2	14	21	-7	3
11 Mickleham FC	4	1	0	3	17	27	-10	3
12 FC Carlton	4	0	0	4	12	44	-32	0

Round 4 Clashes May 19

- 6:30 Fitzroy FC v Albert Park FC 5 - 2
- 7:15 Metropolitan FC v Mickleham FC 10 - 7
- 8:00 FC Essendon v Brimbank FC 6 - 6
- 8:45 FC Prahran v Ashburton FC 9 - 5
- 9:30 FC Carlton v Pascoe Vale FC 1 - 9
- 10:15 Hume FC v Nth Melbourne FC 1 - 6

Round 5 Clashes May 26

- 6:30 Mickleham FC v Nth Melbourne FC
- 7:15 Metropolitan FC v Albert Park FC
- 8:00 Fitzroy FC v Brimbank FC
- 8:45 FC Essendon v Pascoe Vale FC
- 9:30 Hume FC v Ashburton FC
- 10:15 FC Prahran v FC Carlton

Top Scorers

1. A.Redzepovic MFC 11 goals
2. V.Mazurskiy BFC 10 goals
3. E.Simsek PVFC 8 goals
4. L.Minopoulos FFC 8 goals



Metropolitan's living Legend Ivan "The Incredible" Zilic been closely watched by Mickleham's No.1 in goals Apostolakis

Metropolitan 10 vs. 7 Mickleham

Metropolitan were looking to consolidate a position higher on the ladder as they took on new boys Mickleham. The hammers welcomed back Star playmaker Anthony Colosimo back into the fold after weeks of 'will he or won't he play'. Metro's little emperor Alija Redzepovic was in the mood and scored four goals to take him top of the pile in the leading goalscorer race as he schooled the young Mickleham team. Mickleham had a star of their own in Ryan Filipovic who finished the night with five goals! Metro went into the break 5-3 up but were by no means guaranteed 3 points. Mickleham fought for dear life scoring 3 goals in the second half to give themselves a chance. Nanna Addo & Jason Ioannidis



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Local derby honours shared

By John Lister

SMILES and scowls were evenly split between Oakleigh Cannons coach John Anastasiadis and his Bentleigh Green counterpart Goran Lozanovski after their Premier League clash ended in a 2-2 draw on Friday night.

Both sides had their chances to win and both recognised they could have been the loser.

But after a 1-1 draw when they first met in round one, a further draw at the start of the second stage of the season seemed a fair result.

Cannons fans have become accustomed to the side's slow start and propensity to give away early goals. On Friday night at the Kingston Heath Soccer Complex the league leaders managed to keep a clean sheet through the first stages but then never got out of first gear.

The Greens took full advantage of the lapse, scoring twice through Dean Piemonte and Alex Rojas.

The ever elusive Piemonte managed to gain an extra metre of space and be perfectly placed when the ball was crossed from the right to fire past Griffin McMaster. On the verge of half-time Rojas left the Oakleigh defence stunned when a curving, swirling, corner kick went straight into the top corner.

The Greens left the ground happy after stringing together some of their best soccer of recent weeks while the Cannons knew they could do better.

And they did. Quite what Anastasiadis said in the dressing room during the break will probably never be known, but it was different Oakleigh that came out for the second period.

With their mojo restored they re-

duced the deficit quickly when John Fitzgerald headed in after a goalmouth scramble. A few minutes later Michael Curcija volleyed home a cross and it was game on.

With the final whistle pending both teams had chances to take all the points, Jerry Karpeh being foiled by Henry Clifford while at the other end Oakleigh's defence was also stretched.

Anastasiadis said he was happy to take a point but also disappointed that it wasn't all three. "We were slow to start and at halftime I just told the group that if they were as good as they thought then they had to show character and endeavour to get back into the game. To their credit that's what they did."

Lozanovski echoed the sentiments. He couldn't argue with a point, but knew all three had been there for the taking. "It's scary when you are 2-0 or 1-0 up at halftime, you are always waiting for the goal that will put them back in touch. That's what happened."

"But I am happy because I thought we had the better of most of the game and we continued to improve and play good soccer."

With no game for the next two weeks he hopes the Greens can keep that form while the Cannons, coming towards the end of a trot which has seen them play four games away from home, will make the most of as nine-day break before they meet Northcote City at the John Cain Memorial Park next Sunday.

Said Lozanovski: "We have been playing better and better and need to keep that going. It's a challenge."

Anastasiadis said his squad would have a light training session on Monday before resuming normal routines on Wednesday and Friday.



The Greens seem to be coasting when Alex Rojas made it 2-0.

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Oakleigh captain Stelios Drakos scrambles to his feet in time to stop Johnny Sapazovski. Jamie Cumming is on hand if needed.

PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON



John Fitzgerald heads home for the Cannons from close range and keeps the league leaders alive in the local derby.

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Goal o'clock: Bentleigh's Dean Piemonte christens the new electronic scoreboard. PHOTO: ANITA MILAS

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T.Baser(R.Thompson), S.Pir,
A.Opazo, R.Cardozo, A.Behich(R.
Savran), M.Bosevski, A.Vlahos,
Z.Petrevski.

Green Gully:
N.Roganovic, S.Burton,
M.Medjedovic, D.Jones,
R.Ollerton, J.Fleming, G.Wales,
M.Sanders(N.Robinson),
G.Hockless, J.Munoz(J.Hayne),
A.Vargas.

Man of the Match: Steven Burton
(Green Gully)

Crowd: 750

Hume City: 1
Goals: Zoran Petrevski '55
Yellow Cards: N/A

Green Gully: 1
Goals: Own Goal '50
Yellow Cards:

Unlucky Gully held by Hume

By Markian Jaworsky

The Green Gully Cavaliers travelled to the difficult location of Broadmeadows Valley to play the high-flying Hume City, and managed to come home with a result, and a unlucky feeling that they could and should have won the game, with late chances from Gary Wales and Jason Hayne.

Gully were fortunate with the weather, as the open Broadmeadows Valley usually is the ideal venue for kite-flying as much as it is for long range strikes on goal. Gully won the toss, and chose to kick with the wind in the first half, and in the second half, the wind died down, if not out altogether, allowing for Gully's attacking play to dominate.

Under the guidance of Ian Dobson, the Cavaliers have evidently improved in their past two outings as a collective unit on the park.

They came up against a Hume City team used to playing with the elements at Broadmeadows Valley, and arguably were the better team on the day. Whilst Hume played a very direct long ball game, the visiting Green Gully made most their chances from a passing game and counter-attacking down the flanks. Ironically, Gully missed many chances to score from encouraging build up play, and Hume City scored from a small range of genuine

efforts on the Gully goal that eventuated from the long ball from defense, Hume's Zoran Petrevski claimed the goal after 55 minutes. Five minutes prior, Gully put a corner to the near post, and in the haste to clear the ball, the crowded Hume defense somehow managed to bundle the ball into their own goal.

Green Gully gave a second half substitute debut to Kiwi International Jason Hayne, who has arrived during the transfer window, along with Brent Fisher from across the Tasman Sea.

Speaking after the match, Coach Paul Harris spoke of the new recruits "Jason did well today, he could have been the hero, but his positioning did not make for an easy volley. We have also signed (Kiwi) striker Brent Fisher, though he was struck down with a last minute virus and was not available for selection today."

Unfortunately Green Gully were not successful in attempting to bring back Aziz Behich from Melbourne Victory, Hume City won that negotiation battle, however Man of the Match Steven Burton did very well keeping Aziz fairly quiet for most of the day.

In the Under 21's, Hume City defeated the Green Gully Cavaliers by 3 goals to 1.



Humes Tansel Baser shadows Gully's Andy Vargas.
PHOTO: DANIEL FLIS



Hume's Richie Cardozo on the ball.
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Hume's Andy Vlahos gets a toe in as Gully's Ryan Ollerton tries to clear.
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MELBOURNE KNIGHTS



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DANDENONG THUNDER



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Match Details:

Melbourne Knights:
21. Sebastien Mattei, 4. Ben Surey, 5. Anthony Bran, 6. Daniel Rocco (19. Gazmend Ajdini 83'), 7. Liam Cannell, 8. Josip Magdic, 11. Kevin Townson, 12. Adrian Zahra, 13. Thomas Skara, 14. Jean Dubois (15. Anthony Colosimo 91'), 18. Damien Gleize (16. Jacob Colosimo 68').

Goals: Dubois 90'.
Yellow cards: Skara.

Dandenong
30. Stuart Webster, 6. Levent Osman, 15. Noel Bahnsen, 17. Jeff Bright, 13. Shane Rexhepi, 14. Aron Wilford, 16. Ryan Davidson, 20. Scott Bulloch, 18. Ibraim Ibraimi (3. Marcus Storgiopoulos 75'), 9. Veton Korcarevski, 7. Hamlet Armenian.

Goals: Korcarevski 13'.
Yellow cards: Armenian.

Dubois in the nick of time!

By Luke Sheehan

MELBOURNE Knights' Jean Dubois pulled off a spectacular scissor goal at the death to snatch a point from its clash against Dandenong Thunder at Knights Stadium on Sunday night, finishing 1-1.

The Thunder was denied their fourth win of the season when Dubois' goal bounced across Dandenong keeper Stuart Webster in the 90th minute, cancelling out Veton Korcarevski's 13th minute opener.

The draw takes the Knights to nine points along with Dandenong, but the two sides are separated by the Thunder's poor goal difference. Knights assistant coach Paul Magdic said the Dandenong game was a mirror image of the Green Gully game last week, but for the dramatic equaliser and a lift in endeavour from the boys in red.

"This was a little bit of déjà vu against Green Gully. At the end of the day, Green Gully got their goal, and we made a few mistakes leading up to it. We failed to clear the ball in the end and we were behind the eight ball one-nil down.

"The difference between last week and this week was the intensity and the effort from the boys overall, and we did have clearly more of the possession and we were still confident that we were going to equalise."

Magdic said a last-gasp goal such as Dubois' might lift the club from the depths of the Premier League ladder, as well as a few handy inclusions in the coming weeks.

"We're going to be spoiled for choices in the coming weeks with Tomislav Ples coming back from injury, and he's a highly rated striker.

"We'll have Danny Tiatto coming into the heart of the midfield, that's one thing that's definitely going to happen for next week. We'll also have the return of our captain Ivica Praiz."

For the Thunder, it was another case of bad luck, according to coach Stuart Munro, but also admitted the Knights would have been unlucky to get no points from the game.

"We're losing a lot of games to those type of goals, whether its long range free kicks, or short corner, nothing seems to be straightforward about it.

"It was a big three points today, I mean I know we weren't playing well, but it would have been a big three points to get, but we never got it. We just have to look at next week.

"I think they (Melbourne) would have felt very done by (if there was no equaliser). I thought we were good in the first 15 minutes but after that they controlled a lot of the game."

Munro praised his up front striker Korcarevski, who has coincidentally has now scored twice at Knights Stadium in the space of a month, the other goal coming in Thunder's draw with Sunshine.

"I thought Veton on his own up front, I thought he was terrific for us, we're just lacking penetration in midfield to hold the ball and bring people into the game."

Melbourne travel to take on Heidelberg this Sunday at 5pm at the Olympic Village, while Dandenong have the task of hosting Hume City at George Andrews Reserve at 3pm.



Up there Cazaly? Knights' Adrian Zahra gives his Thunder opponent a lift. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK



Dandenong Thunder's Veton Korcarevski opens the scoring against Melbourne Knights yesterday. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK



HEIDELBERG UNITED



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SUNSHINE GEORGIES



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Match details:

Heidelberg United Line up: Steven Tilovski, Steve Martin, Osagie Ederaro, Craig Elvin, John Lazaridis (Paul Miller 14), Hrvoje Matkovic, Yannis Galanos (Junior Melo 79), Josip Kozic, George Slefandorf, Luke Byles, Saso Aleksovski, Said Hossaini 68).

Sunshine George Cross line up: Martin John, David Calleja, Douglas Cameron, Evan Christodoulou, Ben Cogger (Andrew Nabbout 45), Fidell Richards, Barry Devlin, Shaun Romein, Chris Konstas, Stuart Nicholson, Taxiarchis Apostolikos.

Venue: Olympic Village
Crowd: 1000

Bergers start to sizzle

By Gordon Bennett

Heidelberg United recorded their second successive win with this come from behind 2-1 win over Sunshine George Cross at the Olympic Village.

Heideberg held the upper hand in the early stages forcing several corner kicks, but it was the Georgies who took the lead after 12 minutes through Taxiarchis Apostolikos. Sunshine captain Fidell Richards battled hard for the ball on the left wing and his cross was headed home by the Sunshine George Cross debutant.

Heidelberg was presented with a gift goal after 30 minutes when Chris Konstas tried to shepherd the ball out over the goal line. Heidelberg's Yannis Galanos robbed him of the ball and centred to the unmarked Heidelberg debutant George Slefandorf who made the it 1-1.

Sunshine George Cross generosity continued just before half time when David Calleja was easily robbed of the ball

by Josip Kozic who slipped the ball to the unmarked Saso Aleksovski who put Heidelberg 2-1 ahead.

Osagie Ederaro was a constant threat on the right wing and his cross early in the second half was deflected for a corner by a Georgie defender. From the ensuing corner Martin John pulled off the save of the game from an Ederaro header. George Slenadorf took advantage of a hesitant Georgie defence and his toe poke went past the upright.

Goal scoring chances remained at a premium in the second half with Heidelberg doing it comfortably to hold on to a much needed win to get off the bottom of the ladder.

Heidelberg coach George Katsakis was a relieved man after the game and happy to see his team avenge the first round loss to the Georgies.

Sunshine coach Andy O'Dell was bitterly disappointed with his sides effort saying it was the worst performance to date.



The Georgies were off to a good start when Tex Apostolikas found the net with his header. PHOTO: DANIEL FLIS



Sharp-shooter Tex celebrates. PHOTO: DANIEL FLIS



George Katsakis gets his orders from the ref. PHOTO: DANIEL FLIS



George Slefandorf scores on debut for the Bergers
PHOTO: DANIEL FLIS



VPL Standings Round 12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oakleigh Cannons	12	7	3	2	22	13	24
Richmond	11	7	1	3	20	14	22
Hume City	12	7	3	2	25	19	21
Bentleigh Greens	11	4	3	4	14	17	15
Sunshine George Cross	12	4	3	5	14	18	15
Northcote City	11	4	2	5	17	13	14
Green Gully Cavaliers	12	4	2	6	14	15	14
South Melbourne	11	5	4	2	21	13	13
Melbourne Knights	12	3	3	6	15	17	9
Dandenong Thunder	12	3	3	6	10	20	9
Heidelberg Utd	11	2	5	4	18	24	8
Altona Magic	11	1	4	6	10	17	7

VPL Round 13

N.T.C v Altona Magic Paisley Park Wed 26 May KO 8:30PM	
Green Gully Cavaliers v Richmond Green Gully Reserve Sat 29 May KO 3:00PM	Dandenong Thunder v Hume City George Andrews Reserve Sun 30 May KO 3:00PM
Altona Magic v Sunshine George Cross Paisley Park Sat 29 May KO 7:00PM	Heidelberg Utd v Melbourne Knights Olympic Village Sun 30 May KO 5:00PM
Northcote City v Oakleigh Cannons John Cain Memorial Park Sun 30 May KO 3:00PM	Bentleigh Greens v South Melbourne Kingston Heath Soccer Complex Fri 11 Jun KO 8:30PM

VPL Under 21s

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
South Melbourne	12	9	2	1	36	16	29	
Oakleigh Cannons	13	7	4	2	33	22	25	
N.T.C	12	5	5	2	36	21	20	
Northcote City	12	6	2	4	32	24	20	
Richmond	12	6	2	4	26	20	20	
Bentleigh Greens	12	6	0	6	22	21	18	
Green Gully Cavaliers	13	4	2	7	19	38	14	
Heidelberg Utd	10	5	1	4	17	14	13	
Sunshine George Cross	12	4	1	7	20	30	13	
Hume City	12	4	3	5	24	24	12	
Altona Magic	12	3	3	6	11	22	12	
Dandenong Thunder	11	1	3	7	12	29	6	
Melbourne Knights	11	2	2	7	13	20	5	

Bentleigh Greens 0	Oakleigh Cannons 2
Hume City 3	Green Gully Cavaliers 1



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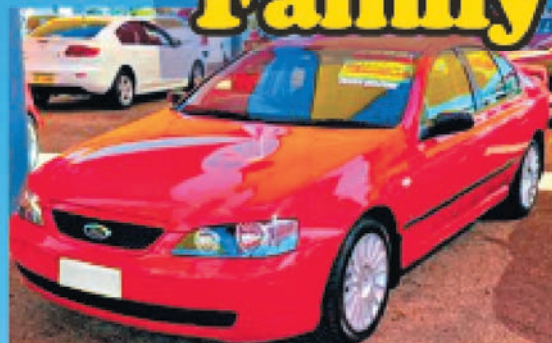
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